

# homotopy theory

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## abstract nonsense

### definition.

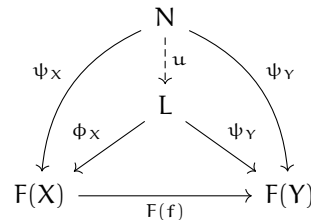
- (Limits, [wiki](#).)

- A **diagram** of shape  $J$  in  $C$  is a functor from  $J$  to  $C$

$$F : J \rightarrow C.$$

The category  $J$  is thought of as an index category, and the diagram  $F$  is thought of as indexing a collection of objects and morphisms in  $C$  patterned on  $J$ .

- Let  $F : J \rightarrow C$  be a diagram of shape  $J$  in a category  $C$ . A **cone** to  $F$  is an object  $N$  in  $C$  together with a family  $\psi_X : N \rightarrow F(X)$  of morphisms indexed by the objects  $X$  of  $J$  (so a cone is an object and a bunch of maps from this object to certain objects that are governed by the diagram), so that for every morphism  $X \rightarrow Y$  in  $J$ , we have  $F(f) \circ \psi_X = \psi_Y$  (I guess this is what nLab meant when he said that everything in sight commutes).
- A **limit** of the diagram  $F : J \rightarrow C$  is a cone  $(L, \phi)$  to  $F$  such that for every cone  $(N, \psi)$  there exists a *unique* morphism  $u : N \rightarrow L$  such that  $\phi_X \circ u = \psi_X$  for all  $X$  in  $J$ .



One says that the cone  $(N, \psi)$  factors through the cone  $(L, \phi)$  with the unique factorization  $u$ . The morphism  $u$  is sometimes called the **mediating morphism**.

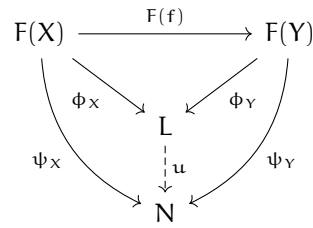
Limits are also referred to as **universal cones** since they are characterized by a universal property. Limits may also be characterized as terminal objects in the category of cones to  $F$ .

It is possible that a diagram does not have a limit at all. However, if a diagram does have a limit then this limit is essentially unique: it is unique up to a unique isomorphism. For this reason one often speaks of *the* limit of  $F$ .

- (Colimits, [wiki](#)) The dual notions of limits and cones are colimits and co-cones. Although it is straightforward to obtain the definitions of these by inverting all morphisms in the above definitions, we will explicitly state them here:

- A **co-cone** of a diagram  $F : J \rightarrow C$  is an object  $N$  of  $C$  together with a family of morphisms  $\psi_X : F(X) \rightarrow N$  (so in the cone we are going from  $N$  and now we're going to  $N$ ) for every object  $X$  of  $J$ , such that for every morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $J$  we have  $\psi_Y \circ F(f) = \psi_X$  (everything in sight commutes).
- A **colimit** of a diagram  $F : J \rightarrow C$  is a co-cone  $(L, \phi)$  of  $F$  such that for any other co-cone  $(N, \psi)$  of  $F$  there exists a unique morphism  $u : L \rightarrow N$  such that

$u \circ \phi_X = \psi_X$  for all  $X$  in  $J$ .



Colimits are also referred to as *universal co-cones*. They can be characterized as initial objects in the category of co-cones from  $F$ .

As with limits, if a diagram  $F$  has a colimit then this colimit is unique up to a unique isomorphism.

- An *initial object* in a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is an object  $\emptyset$  such that for any object  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  there is a unique morphism  $\emptyset \rightarrow x$  with source  $\emptyset$  and target  $x$ .
- For  $\mathcal{C}$  any category, its *arrow category*  $\text{Arr}(\mathcal{C})$  is the category such that
  - an object  $a$  of  $\text{Arr}(\mathcal{C})$  is a morphism  $a : a_0 \rightarrow a_1$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,
  - a morphism  $f : a \rightarrow b$  of  $\text{Arr}(\mathcal{C})$  is a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & b_0 \\ a \downarrow & & \downarrow b \\ a_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & b_1 \end{array}$$

in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

- composition in  $\text{Arr}(\mathcal{C})$  is given simply by placing commutative squares side by side to get a commutative oblong.

This is isomorphic to the functor category

$$\text{Arr}(\mathcal{C}) := \text{Func}(I, \mathcal{C}) = [I, \mathcal{C}] = \mathcal{C}^I$$

for  $I$  the interval category  $\{0 \rightarrow 1\}$ .

- An *equalizer* is a limit

$$\text{eq} \xrightarrow{e} X \rightrightarrows Y$$

over a parallel pair of morphisms  $f$  and  $g$ . This means that for  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  in a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , their equalizer, if it exists, is

- an object  $\text{eq}(f, g) \in \mathcal{C}$ ,
- a morphism  $\text{eq}(f, g) \rightarrow X$
- such that

- \* pulled back to  $\text{eq}(f, g)$  both morphisms become equal:

$$\text{eq}(f, g) \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y = [ \text{eq}(f, g) \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{g} Y$$

- \* and  $\text{eq}(f, g)$  is the universal object with this property.

The dual concept is that of coequalizer.

- The concept of coequalizer in a general category is the generalization of the construction where out of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  between sets  $X$  and  $Y$  one forms the set  $Y / \sim$  of equivalence classes induced by the equivalence relation  $f(x) \sim g(y)$ . This means the the quotient function  $p : Y \rightarrow Y / \sim$  satisfies

$$p \circ f = p \circ g.$$

In some category  $\mathcal{C}$ , the *coequalizer*  $\text{coeq}(f, g)$  of two parallel morphisms  $f$  and  $g$  between two objects  $X$  and  $Y$ , if it exists, is the colimit under the diagram formed by these two morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} & Y \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & \text{coeq}(f, g) & \end{array}$$

Equivalently, in a category  $\mathcal{C}$  a diagram

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} Y \xrightarrow{p} Z$$

is called a *coequalizer* diagram if

1.  $p \circ f = p \circ g$ ,
2.  $p$  is universal for this property: if  $q : Y \rightarrow W$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $q \circ f = q \circ g$ , then there is a unique morphism  $\phi : Z \rightarrow W$  such that  $\phi \circ p = q$

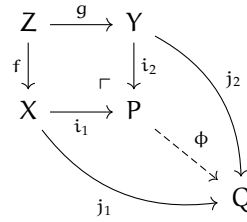
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} & Y & \xrightarrow{p} & Z \\ & & \downarrow q & \nwarrow \phi & \\ & & W & & \end{array}$$

The coequalizer in  $\mathcal{C}$  is equivalently an equalizer in the opposite category  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$ .

- A *pullback* of the morphisms  $f$  and  $g$  consists of an object  $P$  and two morphisms  $p_1 : P \rightarrow X$  and  $p_2 : P \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following universal property:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Q & & & & \\ & \searrow \phi & & \nearrow q_2 & \\ & P & \xrightarrow{p_2} & Y & \\ & \downarrow p_1 & \lrcorner & \downarrow g & \\ & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z & \end{array}$$

- A *pushout* of the morphisms  $f$  and  $g$  consists of an object  $P$  and two morphisms  $i_1 : P \rightarrow X$  and  $i_2 : P \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following universal property:



**remark.** Other names for the pushout are *cofibered product of  $X$  and  $Y$*  (especially in algebraic categories when  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  are monomorphisms), or *free product of  $X$  and  $Y$  with  $Z$  amalgamated sum*, or more simply an *amalgamation* or *amalgam of  $X$  and  $Y$* .

**remark.** If coproducts exist in some category, then the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{g} & Y \\ f \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow i_2 \\ X & \xrightarrow{i_1} & X \amalg_Z Y \end{array}$$

is equivalently the coequalizer

$$X \xrightarrow[\substack{i_2 \circ g \\ i_1 \circ f}]{i_1 \circ f} X \amalg Y \longrightarrow X \amalg_Z Y$$

of the two morphisms induced by  $f$  and  $g$  into the coproduct of  $X$  with  $Y$ .

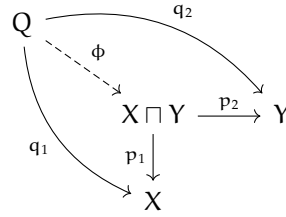
**example (wiki).**

- If  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are sets and  $f, g$  are functions, the pushout of  $f$  and  $g$  is the disjoint union of  $X$  and  $Y$  where elements sharing a common preimage in  $Z$  are identified, i.e.  $P = (X \amalg Y) / \sim$  where  $\sim$  is the finest equivalence relation such that  $f(z) \sim g(z)$  for all  $z \in Z$ .

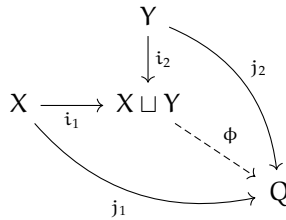
In particular, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are subsets of some larger set  $W$  and  $Z$  is their intersection, with  $f$  and  $g$  the inclusion maps of  $Z$  into  $X$  and  $Y$ , then the pusout can be canonically identified with the union  $X \cup Y \subseteq W$ .

- The construcion of *adjunction spaces* is an example of pushouts in  $\text{Top}$ . More precisely, if  $Z$  is a subspace of  $Y$  and  $g : Z \rightarrow Y$  is the inclusion map, we can glue  $Y$  to another space  $X$  along  $Z$  using an *attaching map*  $f : Z \rightarrow X$ . The result is the *adjunction space*  $X \cup_f Y$  which is just the pushout of  $f$  and  $g$ . More generally, all identification spaces may be regarded as pushouts in this way. See ?? .

- A **product** of  $X$  and  $Y$  is an object  $X \sqcup Y$  and a pair of morphisms  $p_1 : X \sqcup Y \rightarrow X$ ,  $p_2 : X \sqcup Y \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following universal property:



- A **coproduct** of  $X$  and  $Y$  is an object  $X \sqcup Y$  and a pair of morphisms  $i_1 : X \rightarrow X \sqcup Y$ ,  $i_2 : Y \rightarrow X \sqcup Y$  satisfying the following universal property:



**remark.** More generally, for  $S$  any set and  $F : S \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  a collection of objects in  $\mathcal{C}$  indexed by  $S$ , their **coproduct** is an object

$$\coprod_{s \in S} F(s)$$

equipped with maps

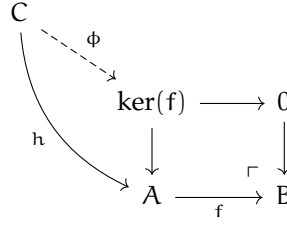
$$F(s) \rightarrow \coprod_{s \in S} F(s)$$

such that this is universal among objects with maps from  $F(s)$ .

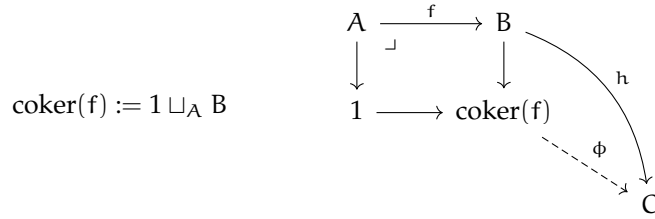
- The **kernel** of a morphism is that part of its domain which is sent to zero. Formally, in a category with an initial object  $0$  and pullbacks, the **kernel**  $\ker f$  of a morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is the pullback  $\ker(f) \rightarrow A$  along  $f$  of the unique morphism  $0 \rightarrow B$

More explicitly, this characterizes the object  $\ker(f)$  as *the* object (unique up to isomorphism) that satisfies the following universal property:

for every object  $C$  and every morphism  $h : C \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ h = 0$  is the zero morphism, there is a unique morphism  $\phi : C \rightarrow \ker(f)$  such that  $h = p \circ \phi$ .



- In a category with a terminal object 1, the *cokernel* of a morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is the pushout (arrows  $h$  and  $\phi$  apply if terminal object is zero)

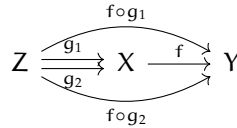


In the case when the terminal object is in fact zero object, one can, more explicitly, characterize the object  $\text{coker}(f)$  with the following universal property:

for every object  $C$  and every morphism  $h : B \rightarrow C$  such that  $h \circ f = 0$  is the zero morphism, there is a unique morphism  $\phi : \text{coker}(f) \rightarrow C$  such that  $h = \phi \circ i$ .

- A morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a *monomorphism* if for every object  $Z$  and every pair of morphisms  $g_1, g_2 : Z \rightarrow X$  then

$$f \circ g_1 = f \circ g_2 \implies g_1 = g_2.$$



Equivalently,  $f$  is a monomorphism if for every  $Z$  the hom-functor  $\text{Hom}(Z, -)$  takes it to an injective function

$$\text{Hom}(Z, X) \xrightarrow{f_*} \text{Hom}(Z, Y).$$

Being a monomorphism in a category  $\mathcal{C}$  means equivalently that it is an epimorphism in the opposite category  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$ .

- A morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a *epimorphism* if for every object  $Z$  and every pair of morphisms  $g_1, g_2 : Y \rightarrow Z$  then

$$g_1 \circ f = g_2 \circ f \implies g_1 = g_2.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & g_1 \circ f & & \\
 & \nearrow f & & \searrow g_1 & \\
 X & & Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \\
 & \searrow & & \nearrow g_2 & \\
 & & g_2 \circ f & & 
 \end{array}$$

Equivalently,  $f$  is a epimorphism if for every  $Z$  the hom-functor  $\text{Hom}(-, Z)$  takes it to an injective function

$$\text{Hom}(Y, Z) \xhookrightarrow{f^*} \text{Hom}(X, Z).$$

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- (Retraction.)
  - (wiki) Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A$  a subspace of  $X$ . Then a continuous map  $r : X \rightarrow A$  is a **retraction** if the restriction of  $r$  to  $A$  is the identity map on  $A$ .
  - (nLab) An object  $A$  in a category is called a **retract** of an object  $B$  if there are morphisms  $i : A \rightarrow B$  and  $r : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $r \circ i = \text{id}_A$ . In this case  $r$  is called a **retraction of  $B$  onto  $A$**  and  $i$  is called a **section of  $r$** .

$$\text{id} : A \xrightarrow[\text{section}]{i} B \xrightarrow[\text{retraction}]{r} A$$

Hence a **retraction** of a morphism  $i : A \rightarrow B$  is a left-inverse and a **section** of a morphism  $r : B \rightarrow A$  is a right-inverse.

- (Deformation retract.)
  - (nLab) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category equipped with a notion of homotopy between its morphisms. Then a **deformation retraction** of a morphism  $i : A \rightarrow X$  is another morphism  $r : X \rightarrow A$  such that

?

- (wiki) A continuous map  $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is a **deformation retraction** of a space  $X$  into a subspace  $A$  if, for every  $x$  in  $X$  and  $a$  in  $A$ ,

$$F(x, 0) = x, \quad F(x, 1) \in A \quad \text{and} \quad F(a, 1) = a.$$

In words, a deformation retraction is a homotopy between a retraction and the identity map on  $X$ . The subspace  $A$  is called a **deformation retract** of  $X$ . A deformation retraction is a special case of a homotopy equivalence.

An equivalent definition of deformation retraction is the following. A continuous map  $r : X \rightarrow A$  is a **deformation retraction** if it is a retraction and its composition with the inclusion is homotopic to the identity map on  $X$ . In this formulation, a deformation retraction carries with it a homotopy between the identity map on  $X$  and itself.



- (wiki) If, in the definition of a deformation retraction we add the requirement that

$$F(a, t) = a \quad \forall t \in [0, 1], \forall a \in A,$$

then  $F$  is called a **strong deformation retraction**. In words, a strong deformation retraction leaves points in  $A$  fixed throughout the homotopy.

**example.**  $S^n$  is a strong deformation retract of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  through  $F(x, t) = (1 - t)x + t \frac{x}{\|x\|}$ .

- (wiki) The inclusion of a closed subspace  $A$  in the space  $X$  is a **cofibration** if and only if  $A$  is a **neighbourhood deformation retract** of  $X$ , meaning that there is a continuous map  $u : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $A = u^{-1}(0)$  and a homotopy  $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $H(x, 0) = x$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $H(a, t) = a$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , and  $H(x, 1) \in A$  if  $u(x) < 1$ .

For example, the inclusion of a subcomplex in a CW complex is a cofibration.

## elementary concepts

### definition.

- Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  continuous maps. An **homotopy** from  $f$  to  $g$  is a continuous map

$$H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y, \quad (x, t) \mapsto H(x, t) = H_t(x)$$

such that  $f(x) = H(x, 0)$  and  $g(x) = H(x, 1)$  for all  $x \in X$ . We denote this situation by  $f \simeq g$ . The homotopy relation  $\simeq$  is an equivalence relation on the set of continuous maps  $X \rightarrow Y$ . A homotopy of maps  $H_t : X \rightarrow Y$  is called **relative to**  $A \subset X$  if  $H_t|_A$  is constant.

- Topological spaces and homotopy classes of maps form a quotient category of  $\text{Top}$ , the **homotopy category**  $\text{h-Top}$ , where composition of homotopy classes is induced by composition of representing maps. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  represents an isomorphism in  $\text{h-Top}$ , then  $f$  is called a **homotopy equivalence** or **h-equivalence**. In explicit terms this means  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a homotopy equivalence if there exists  $g : Y \rightarrow X$ , a **homotopy inverse** of  $f$ , such that  $gf$  and  $fg$  are both homotopic to the identity. Spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  are called **homotopy equivalent** or of the same **homotopy type** if there exists a homotopy equivalence  $X \rightarrow Y$ . A space is **contractible** if it is homotopy equivalent to a point. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **null homotopic** if it is homotopic to a constant map.
- Let  $(X, x_0)$  be a pointed topological space and  $s_0 \in S^n$ . The elements of the  **$n$ -th homotopy group** are homotopy classes of maps  $(S^n, s_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ . Equivalently, they are homotopy classes of maps  $(I^n, \partial I^n) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ . (Homotopies are required to preserve the base points,  $s_0 \mapsto x_0$  or  $\partial I^n \mapsto x_0$ .)

Also,

$$\pi_n(X, *) = [(I^n, \partial I^n), (X, \{*\})] \cong [I^n / \partial I^n, X]^0$$

where  $[X, Y]$  denotes the set of homotopy classes  $[f]$  of maps  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

**proposition 1.**  $\pi_n(X, x_0)$  is an abelian group for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- Let  $A$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $x_0 \in A$ . The elements of the *relative homotopy group*  $\pi_n(X, A, x_0)$  are homotopy classes of maps  $(I^n, \partial I^n, J^{n-1}) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$  where  $J^{n-1}$  is the union of all but one face of  $I^n$ . That is,

$$\pi_{n+1}(X, A, *) = [(I^{n+1}, \partial I^{n+1}, J^n), (X, A, x_0)].$$

The elements of such a group are homotopy classes of based maps  $D^n \rightarrow X$  which carry the boundary  $S^{n-1}$  into  $A$ . Two maps  $f, g$  are called *homotopic relative to*  $A$  if they are homotopic by a basepoint-preserving homotopy  $F : D^n \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that, for each  $p$  in  $S^{n-1}$  and  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$ , the element  $F(p, t)$  is in  $A$ . Ordinary homotopy groups are recovered for the case in which  $A = \{x_0\}$ .

**remark.** This construction is motivated by looking for the kernel of the induced map  $i_* : \pi_n(A, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_n(X, x_0)$  by the inclusion. This map is in general not injective, and the kernel consists of ?

- For any pair  $(X, A, x)$  we have a long exact sequence

$$\pi_n(A, x_0) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_n(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{n-1}(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{n-1}(A, x_0) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \pi_0(X, x_0)$$

where  $i$  and  $j$  are the inclusions  $(A, x_0) \hookrightarrow (X, x_0)$  and  $(X, x_0, x_0) \hookrightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ . The map  $\partial$  comes from restricting maps  $(I^n, \partial I^n, J^{n-1}) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$  to  $I^{n-1}$ , or by restricting maps  $(D^n, S^{n-1}, s_0) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ . The map, called the *boundary map*, is a homomorphism when  $n > 1$ .

- A space  $X$  with basepoint  $x_0$  is called *n-connected* if  $\pi_i(X, x_0) = 0$  for  $i \leq n$ . Thus 0-connected means path-connected and 1 connected means simply-connected.
- A pair  $(X, A)$  is *n-connected* if  $\pi_i(X, A, x_0) = 0$  for  $i \leq n$ .
- Two pointed spaces  $(X, x_0)$  and  $(Y, y_0)$  are *n-equivalent* if  $\pi_i(X, x_0) \cong \pi_i(Y, y_0)$  for all  $i < n$  and surjective for  $i = n$ .

## the right category

- We don't care so much about Top. We care much more about CGWH, the full subcategory of Top on *compactly generated weakly Hausdorff* spaces.
- $X$  is *compactly generated* if, for any subset  $C \subset X$ , and for all continuous maps  $f : K \rightarrow X$  from compact Hausdorff spaces,

if  $f^{-1}(C)$  is closed in  $K$ , then  $C$  is closed.

**claim** (What I picked up from the lecture). If  $X$  is compactly generated, then  $X$  is weakly Hausdorff if the diagonal subset  $\Delta_X \subset X \times X$  is **k-closed**.

From **May**: The ordinary category of spaces allows pathology that obstructs a clean development of the foundations. The homotopy and homology groups of spaces are supported on compact subspaces, and it turns out that if one assumes a separation property that is a little weaker than the Hausdorff property, then one can refine the point-set topology of spaces to eliminate such pathology without changing these invariants.

One major source of point-set level pathology can be passage to quotient spaces. Use of compactly generated topologies alleviates this.

**proposition 2.** If  $X$  is compactly generated and  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  is a quotient map, then  $Y$  is compactly generated if and only if  $(\pi \times \pi)^{-1}(\Delta_Y)$  is closed in  $X \times X$ .

The interpretation is that a quotient space of a compactly generated space by a “closed equivalence relation” is compactly generated.

Several other propositions follow in **May**. Now some other notes from the lectures:

In CGWH,  $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$  is a space with the compact-open topology. **This is a compactly generated space,  $k(\text{Hom}(X, Y))$ .**

**remark.** (Also see [wiki on currying](#))

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Map}(X, Y) &:= \text{the space of maps } X \rightarrow Y. \\ \text{Map}(X \times Y, Z) &\cong \text{Map}(X, \text{Map}(Y, Z)) \\ \text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z) &\cong \text{Hom}(X, \text{Map}(Y, Z))\end{aligned}$$

In the last line, product is product in CGWH, not in  $\text{Top}$ .

The functor  $- \times Y$  is left adjoint to  $\text{Map}(Y, -)$ .

## cofibrations

**definition.**

- ([wiki](#)) In mathematics, in particular in homotopy theory, a continuous map between topological spaces  $i : A \rightarrow X$  is a **cofibration** if it has the **homotopy extension property** with respect to all topological spaces  $S$ .

That is,  $i$  is a cofibration if

- for each topological space  $S$ ,
- and for any continuous maps  $f, f' : A \rightarrow S$
- and  $g : X \rightarrow S$  with  $g \circ i = f$ ,
- for any homotopy  $h : A \times I \rightarrow S$  from  $f$  to  $f'$ ,

there is a continuous map  $g' : X \rightarrow S$  and a homotopy  $h' : X \times I \rightarrow S$  from  $g$  to  $g'$  such that

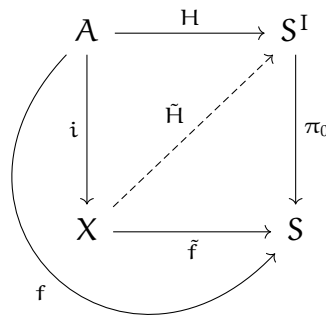
$$h'(i(a), t) = h(a, t) \quad \text{for all } a \in A \text{ and } t \in I.$$

- (wiki) In what follows, let  $I = [0, 1]$  denote the unit interval.

A map  $i : A \rightarrow X$  is a **cofibration** if for any map  $f : A \rightarrow S$  such that there is an extension to  $X$ , meaning there is a map  $\tilde{f} : X \rightarrow S$  such that  $\tilde{f} \circ i = f$ , we can extend a homotopy of maps  $H : A \times I \rightarrow S$  to a homotopy of maps  $\tilde{H} : X \times I \rightarrow S$  where

$$H(a, 0) = f(a)$$

$$\tilde{H}(x, 0) = \tilde{f}(x)$$

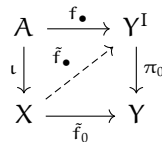


- (wiki) Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subset X$ . We say that the pair  $(X, A)$  has the **homotopy extension property** if, given a homotopy  $f_\bullet : A \rightarrow Y^I$  and a map  $\tilde{f}_0 : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\tilde{f}_0 \circ \iota = f_0$$

(so  $\tilde{f}$  is the lift of  $f_0 : A \rightarrow Y$ ) then there exists an **extension** of  $f_\bullet$  to a homotopy  $\tilde{f}_\bullet : X \rightarrow Y^I$  such that  $\tilde{f}_\bullet \circ \iota = f_\bullet$ .

That is,



So there's some **currying** to make usual homotopies  $f_\bullet : A \times I \rightarrow Y$  look like  $f_\bullet : A \rightarrow Y^I$ . Or, as said in our lectures, "a homotopy  $X \times I \rightarrow Y$  is the same as a map  $X \rightarrow \text{Map}(I, Y)$ ".

- (May) A map  $i : A \rightarrow X$  is a **cofibration** if it satisfies the **homotopy extension property (HEP)**. This means that if  $h \circ i_0 = f \circ i$  in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{i_0} & A \times I \\
 \downarrow i & \nearrow f & \downarrow i \times \text{id} \\
 & Y & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{i_0} & X \times I \\
 & \nwarrow \tilde{h} & \\
 & & 
 \end{array}$$

then there exists  $\tilde{h}$  that makes the diagram commute.

- In traditional topology, one usually means a Hurewicz cofibration. A map  $i : A \rightarrow X$  between topological spaces is a **Hurewicz cofibration** if it satisfies the homotopy extension property.

Let's say it one more time: for any  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  and any homotopy  $H : A \times I \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times \{0\} & \longrightarrow & A \times I \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{g} & Y
 \end{array}$$

there is  $H' : X \times I \rightarrow Y$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X \times \{0\} & \longrightarrow & A \times I \\
 \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\
 X \times I & \xrightarrow{H'} & Y
 \end{array}$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times I & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow H & \\
 X \times I & \xrightarrow{H'} & Y
 \end{array}$$

**example.**  $\partial D^n \rightarrow D$  is a Hurewicz cofibration. **Why?**

**exercise.** Prove that an inclusion  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is a Hurewicz cofibration if and only if  $A \times I \cup X \times \{0\}$  is a retract of  $X \times I$ .

**definition (Mapping cylinder).**

- (May) Although HEP is expressed in terms of general test diagrams, there is a certain universal test diagram (i.e. **make the dashed map unique—up to something maybe**). Namely, we can let  $Y$  in our original test diagram be the **mapping cylinder**

$$Mi \equiv X \cup_i (A \times I)$$

which is the pushout of  $i$  and  $i_0$ . Indeed, suppose that we can construct a map  $r$  that makes the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{i_0} & A \times I \\
 \downarrow i & \nearrow & \downarrow i \times \text{id} \\
 & Mi & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{i_0} & X \times I \\
 & \nwarrow r & \\
 & & 
 \end{array}$$

By the universal property of the pushouts, given maps  $f$  and  $h$  in our original test diagram induce a map  $Mi \rightarrow Y$ , and its comoposite with  $r$  gives a homotopy  $\tilde{h}$  that makes the diagram commute. [So just saying that  \$Mi\$  is universal.](#)

- ([nLab](#)) Given a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of topological spaces, one can define its *mapping cylinder* as a pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X \times I & \xrightarrow{(\sigma_0)_*(f)} & \text{Cyl}(f)
 \end{array}$$

in Top, where  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X \times I$  is given by  $x \mapsto (x, 0)$ .

Set theoretically, the mapping cyllinder is usually represented as que quotient space

$$(X \times I \amalg Y) / \sim$$

where  $\sim$  is the smallest equivalence relation identifying  $(x, 0) \sim f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

- ([wiki](#)) The *mapping cylinder* of a function  $f$  between topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is the quotient

$$M_f = ([0, 1] \times X) \amalg Y / \sim$$

where  $\amalg$  denotes disjoint union, and  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation generated by

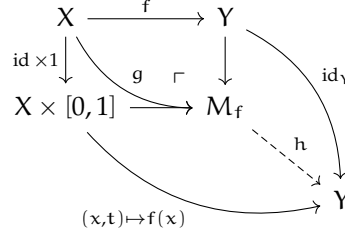
$$(0, x) \sim f(x) \text{ for each } x \in X.$$

That is, the mapping cylinder  $M_f$  is obtained by gluing one end of  $X \times [0, 1]$  to  $Y$  via the map  $f$ . Notice that the “top” of the cylinder  $\{1\} \times X$  is homeomorphic to  $X$ , while the “bottom” is the space  $f(X) \subset Y$ .

(Dani) So the mapping cylinder is just deforming  $X$  to  $Y$  putting  $X$  inside  $Y$  via  $f$ .

- (Homework) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Let  $M_f = X \times [0, 1] \cup_f Y$  be the *mapping cylinder of  $f$* , i.e. the pushout of  $X \xrightarrow{\cong} X \times \{0\} \hookrightarrow X \times [0, 1]$  and of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

**exercise.** Let  $g : X \rightarrow M_f$  be the map  $X \xrightarrow{\cong} X \times \{1\} \rightarrow M_f$ . Let  $h : M_f \rightarrow Y$  be the map that is induced by  $X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y : (x, t) \mapsto f(x)$  and  $\text{id}_Y : Y \rightarrow Y$ . Observe that  $f$  is the composition of  $g$  and  $h$ .



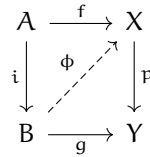
In both exercises below you might have to use the fact that pushouts are colimits and that colimits commute with products in CGWH, i.e.  $(\text{colim } A_i) \times B$  is canonically homeomorphic with  $\text{colim}(A_i \times B)$ .

1. Show that  $h$  is a deformation retract, and in particular is a homotopy equivalence.
2. Show that  $g : X \rightarrow M_f$  is a cofibration. You may use exercise (a), but the direct proof might be simpler.

**exercise.**  $X \rightarrow M_f \rightarrow Y$ . Prove  $X \rightarrow M_f$  is a cofibration.

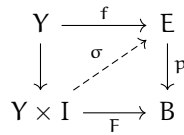
## fibrations

- (nLab) A morphism  $i$  has the *left lifting property with respect to a morphism*  $p$  and  $p$  has the *right lifting property with respect to*  $i$  if for each morphisms  $f$  and  $g$ , if the outer square in the following diagram commutes, there exists  $\phi$  (I think not necessarily unique) completing the diagram:



- (nLab) Let  $C$  be a category with products and with interval object  $I$ . A morphism  $E \rightarrow B$  has the *homotopy lifting property* if it has the right lifting property with respect to all morphisms of the form  $(\text{id}, 0) : Y \rightarrow Y \times I$ .

This means that for all commuting squares



there exists a morphism  $\sigma : Y \times I \rightarrow E$  such that both triangles in the former diagram commute.

A **fibration** (also called **Hurewicz fibration**) is a mapping  $p : E \rightarrow B$  satisfying the homotopy lifting property for all spaces  $X$ .

- (Hatcher) A map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  is said to have the **homotopy lifting property** with respect to a space  $X$  if, given a homotopy  $g_t : X \rightarrow B$  and a map  $\tilde{g}_0 : X \rightarrow E$  lifting  $g_0$ , so  $p\tilde{g}_0 = g_0$ , then there exists a homotopy  $\tilde{g}_t : X \rightarrow E$  lifting  $g_t$ .

The **lift extension property for a pair**  $(Z, A)$  asserts that every map  $X \rightarrow B$  has a lift  $Z \rightarrow E$  extending a given lift defined on the subspace  $A \subset Z$ . The case  $(Z, A) = (X \times I, X \times \{0\})$  is the homotopy lifting property.

A **fibration** is a map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  having the homotopy property with respect to all spaces  $X$ .

**Theorem 3 (4.41 Hatcher, Long exact sequence of Serre fibrations, see proposition 18).** Suppose  $p : E \rightarrow B$  has the homotopy lifting property with respect to disks  $D^k$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . Choose basepoints  $b_0 \in B$  and  $x_0 \in F = p^{-1}(b_0)$ . Then the map  $p_* : \pi_n(E, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_n(B, b_0)$  is an isomorphism for all  $n \geq 1$ . Hence  $B$  is path-connected and there is a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_n(F, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_n(E, x_0) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_n(B, b_0) \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(F, x_0) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \pi_0(E, x_0) \rightarrow 0$$

The map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  is said to have the **homotopy lifting property for a pair**  $(X, A)$  if each homotopy  $f_t : X \rightarrow B$  lifts to a homotopy  $\tilde{g}_t : X \rightarrow E$  starting with a given lift  $\tilde{g}_0$  and extending a given lift  $\tilde{g}_t : A \rightarrow E$ . In other words, the homotopy lifting property for  $(X, A)$  is the lift extension property for  $(X \times I, X \times \{0\} \cup A \times I)$ .

The point is that the homotopy lifting property for disks is equivalent to the homotopy lifting property for all CW pairs  $(X, A)$ . A map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  satisfying the homotopy lifting property for disks is sometimes called a **Serre fibration**.

A **fiber bundle** structure on a space  $E$ , with fiber  $F$ , consists of a projection map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  such that each point  $B$  has a neighbourhood  $U$  for which there is a homeomorphism  $h : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$  making the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{h} & U \times F \\ & \searrow p & \swarrow \\ & U & \end{array}$$

**example.** Projective spaces yield interesting fiber bundles. In the real case we have the familiar covering spaces  $S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$  with fiber  $S^0$ . Over the complex numbers the analog of this is a fiber bundle  $S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ . Here  $S^{2n+1}$  is the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  and  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  is viewed as the quotient space of  $S^{2n+1}$  under the equivalence relation  $(z_0, \dots, z_n) \sim \lambda(z_0, \dots, z_n)$  for  $\lambda \in S^1$ . The projection  $p : S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$  sends  $(z_0, \dots, z_n)$  to its equivalence class  $[z_0, \dots, z_n]$ .

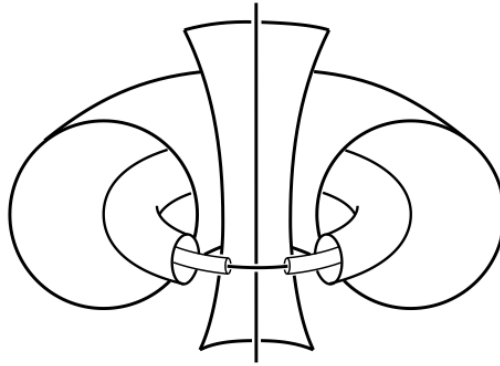


To see that the local triviality condition for fibre bundles is satisfied, ...

The construction of the bundle  $S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$  also works when  $n = \infty$ , so there is a fiber bundle  $S^1 \rightarrow S^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^\infty$ .

The case  $n = 1$  is particularly interesting since  $\mathbb{CP}^1 = S^2$  and bundle becomes  $S^1 \rightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  with fiber, total space, and base all spheres. This is known as the **Hopf bundle**. The projection  $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  can be taken to be  $(z_0, z_1) \mapsto z_0/z_1 \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} = S^2$ . (That is, seeing  $S^2$  as the one-point compactification of  $\mathbb{C}$ .)

In polar coordinates we may see  $S^3$  as the union of several tori. Stereographic projection yields the following figure:



The limiting cases  $T_0$  and  $T_\infty$  correspond to the unit circle in the  $xy$ -plane and the  $z$ -axis under the stereographic projection. Each torus  $T_\rho$  is a union of circle fibers. These fiber circles have slope 1 on the torus, winding around once longitudinally and once meridionally. As  $\rho$  goes to 0 or  $\infty$  the fiber circles approach the circles  $T_0$  and  $T_\infty$ , which are also fibers. The figure below shows four tori decomposed into fibers:



How could we visualize the projection onto  $S^2$ ? Could it work to think  $S^2 = \mathbb{C} \cup \infty$  and just do stereographic projection from 3-space to the plane disregarding one point? What would that even mean hehe

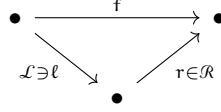
Replacing the field  $\mathbb{C}$  by the quaternions  $\mathbb{H}$ , the same constructions yield fiber bundles  $S^3 \rightarrow S^{4n+3} \rightarrow \mathbb{HP}^n$  over quaternionic projective spaces  $\mathbb{HP}^n$ . Here the fiber  $S^3$  is the unit quaternions, and  $S^{4n+3}$  is the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ . Taking  $n = 1$  gives a second Hopf bundle  $S^3 \rightarrow S^7 \rightarrow S^4 = \mathbb{HP}^1$ .

Another Hopf bundle  $S^7 \rightarrow S^{15} \rightarrow S^8 \dots$

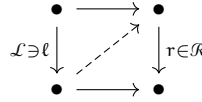
## model structures

**definition** (Riehl). A *weak factorization system*  $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R})$  on a category  $\mathcal{M}$  is comprised of two classes of morphisms  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  so that

1. Every morphism in  $\mathcal{M}$  may be factored as a morphism in  $\mathcal{L}$  followed by a morphism in  $\mathcal{R}$ :

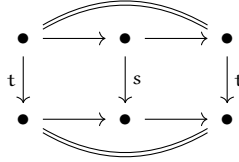


2. The maps in  $\mathcal{L}$  have the *left lifting property* with respect to each map in  $\mathcal{R}$  and equivalently the maps in  $\mathcal{R}$  have the *right lifting property* with respect to each map in  $\mathcal{L}$ , that is, any commutative square



admits a diagonal filler as indicated making both triangles commute. When this lift is unique, we say the factorization system is *orthogonal*.

3. The classes  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  are each closed under retracts in the arrow category: given a commutative diagram



if  $s$  is in that class then so is its retract  $t$ .

**exercise** (3.1.8 from Riehl). Verify that the class of morphisms  $\mathcal{L}$  characterized by the left lifting property against a fixed class of morphisms  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under coproducts, closed under retracts, and contains the isomorphisms.

**definition.** Given a contravariant functor  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  there is a corresponding category (*of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$* ) that lies over  $\mathcal{C}$ , that is,

$$\text{el } \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

given by

Objects: pairs  $(C, X)$  where  $C \in \text{Obj } \mathcal{C}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{F}(C)$ .

Morphisms:  $f : (C, X) \rightarrow (C', X')$  are morphisms  $f : C \rightarrow C'$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(f)(X') = X$ .

**remark.** We can use the Yoneda embedding to view  $\mathcal{C}$  as a subcategory of  $\mathbf{Psh}(\mathcal{C})$ ,

$$\mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Psh}(\mathcal{C})$$

And also  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Psh}(\mathcal{C})$ . In fact, the element category is just the slice category:

$$\mathrm{el} \mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{F}.$$

**question.** Given  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is it isomorphic to  $\mathrm{el} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ ?

**definition.**  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a **discrete fibration** if for any  $d \in \mathcal{D}$  and any  $f : C \rightarrow G(d)$  there exists a unique lift from  $f$  of  $f$  to  $f' \in \mathcal{D}$  such that the target of  $f'$  is  $d$ . That is,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \xrightarrow{\exists! f'} & d \\ G \downarrow & & \downarrow G \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & G(d) \end{array}$$

**remark.** Given a discrete fibration we may construct a functor  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$  simply by defining  $\mathcal{F}(C) = G^{-1}(C)$  and if  $C \rightarrow C' \cdots \rightarrow d$ .

**definition (Lecture).** A **model structure** on a category  $\mathcal{A}$  is a choice of subcategories  $\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}$  called **weak-equivalences**, **cofibrations** and **fibrations** with the following properties:

0. All (finite) small limits and colimits.
1. **(2 of 3)** Given  $\bullet \xrightarrow{f} \bullet \xrightarrow{g} \bullet$ , if either 2 out of 3 among  $f, g, f \circ g$  are in  $\mathcal{W}$  then all of them are.
2.  $(\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{W})$  are both weak factorization systems.  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D})$  is a weak factorization system. That is,
  - (a) Any morphism in  $\mathcal{A}$  can be factored as a morphism in  $\mathcal{B}$  followed by a morphism in  $\mathcal{D}$ .
  - (b) Lifts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\ f \downarrow & \nearrow \exists & \downarrow g \\ \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

- (c') Notice that the axiom of retracts is not necessary.  $r' \in \mathcal{R} \iff$  it satisfies (b) for all  $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ .

**definition.**

- $X$  is **fibrant** if  $X \twoheadrightarrow \mathrm{pt}$ .
- $X$  is **cofibrant** if  $X \twoheadrightarrow X$

- $X$  is **bifibrant** if  $0 \rightarrowtail X \twoheadrightarrow \text{pt}$

**examples** (Two interesting model category structures on CGWH).

1. **Hurewicz model structure** (Strom).

- Cofibrations:= Hurewicz cofibrations.
- Fibrations:= maps  $E \rightarrow B$  such that for all spaces  $X$  [Photo1].
- Weak equivalences:= homotopy equivalences.

2. **Quillen model structure**. Defined on  $\text{Top}$ .

- Cofibrations = retracts of relative cell complexes.

- Fibrations = Serre Fibrations:
- $$\begin{array}{ccc} D^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \\ D^n \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

- Weak equivalences:  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

Also, we have

- Fibrant: all of  $\text{Obj Top}$ .
- Cofibrant:  $\exists \{\text{CW complexes}\}$ .

**definition.** Given a category  $\mathcal{C}$  and a class of morphisms  $W \subset \text{Mor } \mathcal{C}$ , its **localization** is a category  $\mathcal{C}[W^{-1}]$  such that there is a functor  $\text{Loc}_W \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}[W^{-1}]$  that sends weak equivalences to isomorphisms. Also, it satisfies the universal property that for every  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  such that  $F(X) \subset \text{Iso}$ , the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{C}[W^{-1}] & \\ \text{Loc}_W \nearrow & & \searrow \exists! G \\ \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $(\mathcal{C}, W, F)$  be a model category and  $\mathcal{C}[W^{-1}] \cong \text{Ho } \mathcal{C}$  where the latter is given by

- $\text{Ob Ho } \mathcal{C} = \{\text{fibrant-cofibrant-bifibrant objects of } \mathcal{C}\}$ .
- $\text{Mor Ho } \mathcal{C} = \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)/\text{homotopy}$ .

Let's say what homotopy means

**definition.** Given two maps

$$X \xrightarrow[g]{f} Y$$

- We say  $f \sim_{\text{left}} g$  if for the *cylinder*  $\text{Cyl}(X)$  defined by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \sqcup X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \text{cofibr.} \searrow & & \nearrow \text{trivial fib.} \\ & \text{Cyl}(X) & \end{array}$$

we have that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \sqcup X & \xrightarrow{(f,g)} & Y \times Y \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \exists H \\ & \text{Cyl}(X) & \end{array}$$

- We say  $f \sim_{\text{right}} g$  if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \sqcup X & \xrightarrow{(f,g)} & Y \times Y \\ \text{dashed } \searrow \exists H & & \nearrow \\ & \text{Path}(Y) & \end{array}$$

**claim.** Given  $X \xrightarrow[f]{g} Y$ , if  $X$  is cofibrant and  $Y$  is fibrant, then  $f \sim_{\text{left}} g \iff f \sim_{\text{right}} g$  and  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

## whitehead theorem

We introduce a large class of spaces, called CW complexes, between which a weak equivalence is necessarily a homotopy equivalence. Thus, for such spaces, the homotopy groups are, in a sense, a complete set of invariants. Moreover, we shall see that every space is weakly equivalent to a CW complex.

**definition (May).**

1. A **CW complex**  $X$  is a space  $X$  which is the union of an expanding sequence of subspaces  $X^n$  such that, inductively,  $X^0$  is a discrete set of points (called *vertices*) and  $X^{n+1}$  is the pushout obtained from  $X^n$  by attaching disks  $D^{n+1}$  along *attaching maps*  $j : S^n \rightarrow X^n$ . Thus  $X^{n+1}$  is the quotient space obtained from  $X^n \cup (J_{n+1} \times D^{n+1})$  by identifying  $(j, x)$  with  $j(x)$  for  $x \in S^n$ , where  $J_{n+1}$  is the discrete set of such attaching maps  $j$  (see ??). Each resulting map  $D^{n+1} \rightarrow X$  is called a *cell*. The subspace  $X^n$  is called the *n-skeleton* of  $X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ j \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ X^n & \longrightarrow & X^{n+1} \end{array}$$

**lemma 5 (HELP).** content...

**Theorem 6 (Whitehead, May).** If  $X$  is a CW complex and  $e : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an  $n$ -equivalence, then  $e_* : [X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Z]$  is a bijection if  $\dim X < n$  and surjection if  $\dim X = n$ .

**Theorem 7 (Whitehead, May).** An  $n$ -equivalence between CW complexes of dimension less than  $n$  is a homotopy equivalence. A weak equivalence between CW complexes is a homotopy equivalence.

**Theorem 8 (Whitehead (4.5), Hatcher).** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between connected CW complexes induces isomorphisms  $f_* : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y)$  for all  $n$ , then  $f$  is a homotopy equivalence. In case  $f$  is the inclusion of a subcomplex  $X \hookrightarrow Y$ , the conclusion is stronger:  $X$  is a deformation retract of  $Y$ .

**exercise (Hatcher 4.1.12).** Show that an  $n$ -connected,  $n$ -dimensional CW complex is contractible.

*Solution.* Just recall that  $n$ -connectedness means that  $\pi_i(X) = 0$  for all  $i \leq n$ , which means that  $X$  is contractible by theorem 7.  $\square$

## lecture notes

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$$(X^Y)^Z \cong Z^{Y \times X}$$

$$g : X' \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{Hom}(X, Y) \mapsto \text{Hom}(X', Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(A, B) &\cong \text{Hom}(A, B') \text{ natural in } A \implies \\ \text{Hom}(B, B) &\cong \text{Hom}(B, B') \& \text{Hom}(B', B) \cong \text{Hom}(B', B') \\ &\implies B \cong B'. \end{aligned}$$

- for (  $\Leftarrow$  ) commutativity of the hypothesis gives us commutativity of the right-most square in the diagram below. In fact, the double square diagram below is a rephrasing of the hypothesis.
- Lemma 2. To build CW complexes
- What we did? Prove the bijection between the homotopic sets given an  $n$ -equivalence.
- $\pi_n$  of loop space is the same as  $\pi_{n+1}$  of original space.

- Then we moved on to homotopic pushouts and pullback. We saw, for instance, that if in a double square diagram each of the squares is a homotopic pushout, then so is the outer square.
- We also looked at those exact sequences on cofibers, spaces of homotopy classes, cohomology and (barely) loop spaces. There was a lemma about this.
- Next time: cofiber of cofiber is homotopy equivalence, then fibers, fibrations and probably \*some name\* theorem.

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**lemma 9** (Yoneda).

$$\{\text{Natural transformations } \text{Hom}(-, X) \rightarrow F\} \cong F(X)$$

**corollary 10.**  $(\text{Hom}(-, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(-, Y)) \cong \text{Hom}(X, Y)$ .

**corollary 11.** The correspondence  $X \mapsto \text{Hom}(-, X)$  is fully faithful, that is, the correspondence  $\text{Hom}(X, X') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\text{Hom}(-, X), \text{Hom}(-, X'))$  is injective and bijective. (The right hand side are natural transformations of functors.)

*Solution of exercise 1.* The latter correspondence sends isomorphisms to isomorphisms. Since we are given a natural isomorphism in the problem, we conclude  $X \cong X'$ .  $\square$

**lemma 12.** Let  $E \times_B X$  be the pullback of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & E & \\ & \downarrow & \\ X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & B \end{array}$$

be such that  $E \rightarrow B$  is an homotopy fibration and  $f : X \rightarrow B$  is a homotopy equivalence. Let

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E \times_B X \rightarrow E & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & E & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & B & & \end{array}$$

be the pullback. Then  $E \times_B X \rightarrow E$  is a homotopy equivalence.

*Proof.* Let  $g : B \rightarrow X$  be the homotopy inverse of  $f$ .

**(Step 1)** Construct another pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E \times_B B & \longrightarrow & X \times_B E & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \xrightarrow{g} & X & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

**(Step 2)** Construct  $E \rightarrow E \times_B B$ .

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ E \times I & \xrightarrow{f \times \text{id}} B \times I \longrightarrow & B? \end{array}$$

And then  $E \rightarrow E \times_B B \rightarrow E \times_B X \rightarrow E$  is homotopic to the identity.

Constructing the other homotopic inverse is the hard part.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z \sqcup Z & \longrightarrow & I \times Z \\ \downarrow f_1 \sqcup f_2 & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ E \times_B X & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\cong} & B \end{array}$$

□

**corollary 13.**  $B \xrightarrow{f} B$  is homotopy equivalence and  $E \rightarrow B$  is a fibration, in

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \times_B B & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

$E \times_B B \rightarrow E$  is a homotopy equivalence.

**exercise.** If  $fg$  is an isomorphism and  $f$  and  $g$  have right inverses, then  $f$  and  $g$  are isomorphisms.

**lemma 14.** Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X \cup_A B \end{array}$$

be a pushout with  $A \rightarrow X$  a cofibration. Then the canonical map from the double mapping cylinder  $M(f, g) \rightarrow X \cup_A B$  is a homotopy equivalence.

**remark.**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X \cup_A B \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \hookrightarrow & M_f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X \cup_A M_f \cong M(f, g) \end{array}$$



**definition.**

- The *homotopy pullback* of a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Y \\ & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & Z \end{array}$$

is

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X \times_{\text{ev}_0} Z^I \times_{\text{ev}_1} Y & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & Z \end{array}$$

Intuitively, for any  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  this object has the space of paths connecting  $x$  and  $y$ .

- The *homotopy fiber* if  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  is the pullback of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Y \\ & & \downarrow f \\ \text{pt} & \longrightarrow & Z \end{array}$$

$F \subset Z^I \times_Z Y \rightarrow Z$ , where  $F$  is the space of paths starting at  $x$  and ending at the same point  $f(y)$ .

**remark.** The pullback of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Z^I \times_Z Y \\ & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & Z \end{array}$$

is the homotopy pullback of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Y \\ & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & Z \end{array}$$

**lemma 15.** If  $X \rightarrow Z$  is a fibration then for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Y \\ & & \downarrow \\ X & \twoheadrightarrow & Z \end{array}$$

the map from the pullback to the homotopy pullback is a homotopy equivalence.

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X \times_Z Y & \longrightarrow & Y \\
 \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq \\
 X \times_{\text{ev}_0} Z^I \times_{\text{ev}_1} Y & \twoheadrightarrow & Z^I \times_Z Y \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \longrightarrow & Z
 \end{array}$$

□

Finally,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{hofib } f_1 & \longrightarrow & \text{hofib } f & \longrightarrow & * \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 * & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Z & \longrightarrow & F(f) \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\
 X \times I & \longrightarrow & X
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 X \times_Y Y^I \\
 \downarrow \\
 X
 \end{array}$$

and an exact sequence

$$\Omega^2 \text{hofib} \rightarrow \Omega^2 X \rightarrow \Omega^2 Y \rightarrow \Omega \text{hofib } f \rightarrow \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y \rightarrow \text{hofib } f \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

**lemma 16 (Exactness).**  $\forall z, [z \text{hofib } f] \rightarrow [Z, X] \rightarrow [Z, Y]$ .

and we get the exact sequence

$$\pi_0(\Omega^2 X) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Omega^2 Y) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Omega \text{hofib } f) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Omega X) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Omega Y) \rightarrow \pi_0(\text{hofib } f) \rightarrow \pi_0(X) \rightarrow \pi_0(Y)$$

and then

$$[S^0, \Omega^2 X] = [\Sigma S^0, \Omega X] = [\Sigma^2 S^0, X] = [S^2, X] = \pi_2(X)$$

### Serre fibration long exact sequence (21 march)

We've been talking a lot about Hurewicz fibrations. Let's talk about Serre fibrations. Notice that H. fibration  $\implies$  S. fibration. What is the most natural example of a Serre fibration?

**proposition 17 (also Hatcher 4.48).** Let  $E$  be a fiber bundle with fiber  $F$ . Then  $f$  is a Serre fibration.

*Proof.* What does it mean to be a Serre fibration? It means that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ I^{n+1} = I^n \times I & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$

So if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a covering of  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}U \cong U \times F$ . By Lebesgue lemma, there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in I^{n+1}$ , the ball  $B(x, \delta)$  lies in some  $f^{-1}U$  for some  $U$ .

Then we subdivide  $I^{n+1}$  in smaller cubes of the same size with diameter  $< \delta$ . So, each the image of each cube lies in some  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F \times U \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ I^{n+1} & \longrightarrow & U \end{array}$$

has a lift for every little square because

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ X \times I & \longrightarrow & \text{pt} \end{array}$$

is always a fibration (**think about this**) and because pullbacks of fibrations are fibrations:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \times F & \longrightarrow & U \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F & \longrightarrow & \text{pt} \end{array}$$

. Then we may just add up the squares because

$$\begin{array}{c} D^n \\ \downarrow \\ D^n \times I \end{array}$$

and we're done. □

**proposition 18** (Sere fibration long exact sequence, see theorem 3). Let  $g : E \rightarrow B$  is a Serre fibration.  $e \in E$ ,  $g(e) = b$  and  $g^{-1}b = F$ . Then consider the exact sequence in homotopy of the Serre fibration and the relative homotopy exact sequence. Then there is a long exact sequence (top row):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(E) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(E, F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(E) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

**example.** We have shown that  $\pi_2(\mathbb{CP}^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  using the Hopf fibration  $S^1 \hookrightarrow S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$  and the fact that  $\pi_k(S^n) = 0$  for  $k < n$ .

**Theorem 19.** Let  $X$  be a CW-complex,  $A, B \subset X$  subcomplexes,  $C = A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , so

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ B & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

is a pushout (this happens for inclusions, **check it?**).

If  $(A, C)$  is  $n$ -connected and  $(B, C)$  is  $m$ -connected, then

$$\pi_i(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_i(X, B)$$

is an isomorphism for  $i < m + n$  and surjective for  $i = m + n$ .

### blakers-massey (26 march)

First I show some basic constructions from Tom Dieck (sec. 5.7). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Consider the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W(f) & \longrightarrow & Y^I \\ (q,p) \downarrow & & \downarrow (ev_0, ev_1) \\ X \times Y & \xrightarrow{f \times id} & Y \times Y \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W(f) &= \{(x, w) \in X \times Y^I \mid f(x) = w(0)\}, \\ q(x, w) &= x, \quad p(x, w) = w(1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(ev_0, ev_1)$  is a fibration, the maps  $(q, p)$ ,  $q$  and  $p$  are fibrations.

Now suppose  $f$  is a pointed map with base points  $*$ . Then  $W(f) \rightarrow W'$  is given the base point  $(*, k_*)$ .

Let  $f : A \hookrightarrow X$  be an inclusion.

**definition.** By  $(I^n, \partial I^n) \rightarrow (* \times_{ev_0} X^I \times_{ev_1} A, pt)$  is the same as a map  $I^n \times I \rightarrow X$  that satisfies:

- $I^n\{0\} \cup \partial I^n \times I \rightarrow *$ .
- $I^n \times \{1\} \rightarrow A$ .

It is fairly straightforward to show that

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \Omega A \longrightarrow \Omega X \longrightarrow \text{hofib} \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow X$$

$$\pi_0(\nearrow) = \begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_n(A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(X) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(\text{hofib}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(A) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X) \\ & & & \searrow & \downarrow \cong & \nearrow & \\ & & & & \pi_n(X, A) & & \end{array}$$

**Theorem 20** (Blakers-Massey 1). Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q & \xrightarrow{g} & Y \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & P \end{array}$$

be a homotopy pushout,  $g$  is  $m$  equivalence,  $f$  is  $n$ -equivalence and  $m, n \geq 0$ . Then  $Q \rightarrow X \times_P^h Y$  is  $(m + n - 1)$ -equivalence.

**Theorem 21** (Blakers-Massey 2).  $P$  is a CW-complex,  $X, Y$  subcomplexes,  $X \cap Y = Q \neq \emptyset$  (*strict pushout*)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q & \hookrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \hookrightarrow & P \end{array}$$

Then  $\pi_i(Y, Q) \rightarrow \pi_i(P, X)$  is epi for  $i = m + n$  and iso for  $0 \leq i < m + n$ .

**Theorem 22** (Blakers-Massey 3).  $P = X \cup Y$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  are open in  $P$ ,  $X \cap Y = Q \neq \emptyset$ .

We proved the third version based on Tom Dieck's proof.

**definition.**

- A map is a *k-equivalence* if the induced map on the  $i$ th homotopy group is an isomorphism for  $i < k$  and an epimorphism for  $i = k$ .
- $K_p(W) := \{x \in W : \text{at least } p \text{ coordinates of } x \text{ are } j \text{ the same coordinates of the center of } W\}$

**lemma 23.** Let  $W$  be a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\dim W \leq d$ . If for all faces  $W'$  of  $\partial W$ ,  $f(W') \in A \implies w' \in K_p(W')$ , then there is a homotopy  $f \simeq g \text{ rel } \partial W$  such that  $g(w) \in A \implies w \in K_p(W)$ .

**freudenthal theorem (2 april)**

**definition.** The appropriate analogue of the Cartesian product in the category of based spaces is the *smash product*  $X \wedge Y$  defined by

$$X \wedge Y = X \times Y / X \vee Y.$$

Here  $X \vee Y$  is viewed as the subspace of  $X \times Y$  consisting of those pairs  $(x, y)$  such that either  $x$  is the basepoint of  $X$  or  $y$  is the basepoint of  $Y$ .

We also have the *suspension of pointed spaces*, which is like usual suspension but also collapsing the distinguished point, which has become an interval:

$$\Sigma X = (I \times X) / (t, x) \sim (0, y) \sim (1, y) \quad \forall y \in X.$$

Then we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{CGWH}_*}(\Sigma X, \Sigma X) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{CGWH}_*}(X, \Omega \Sigma X)$$

where  $\Sigma X = S \wedge X$  and  $\Omega \Sigma X = \text{Map}(S^1, \Sigma X)$ . That is,  $S^1 \wedge -$  is adjoint to  $\text{Map}(S^1, -)$ .

So let  $X$  be a space. The identity map  $\text{id}_{\Sigma X} : \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma X$  then induces a map  $X \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma X$ .

**Theorem 24 (Freudenthal).** Let  $X$  be  $\ell$ -connected space. Then  $X \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma X$  is a  $(2\ell + 1)$ -equivalence, that is,

$$\pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(\Sigma X),$$

is a bijection for  $i < 2\ell + 1$  and a surjection for  $i = 2\ell + 1$  (May).

*Proof 1.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{(\ell+1)\text{-equiv}} & * \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & \Omega \Sigma X & \\ & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\ * & \xrightarrow{\quad h_\Gamma \quad} & \Sigma X \end{array}$$

$\downarrow (\ell+1)\text{-equiv}$        $\downarrow$

□

*Proof 2.* Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & CX \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ CX & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \end{array}$$

Then we use relative homotopy long exact sequence with  $(X, CX)$  to get  $\pi_i(CX, X) \cong \pi_{i-1}(X)$ , which is zero for  $0 \leq i \leq \ell + 1$ . Then use relative homotopy exact sequence for the pair  $(\Sigma X, CX)$ . then we get that  $\pi_i(\Sigma X, CX) = \pi_i(\Sigma X)$ . And then if you use it for  $(\Sigma X, X)$  and

But it also turns out that  $\pi_i(\Sigma X) = \pi_{i-1}(\Omega \Sigma X)$  because

$$\pi_n(Z) = \text{Hom}_{\text{h-Top},*}(S^n, Z) = \text{Hom}(S^1 \wedge S^{n-1}, Z) = \text{Hom}(S^{n-1}, \Omega Z) = \pi_{n-1}(\Omega, Z)$$

. And then since  $CX \hookrightarrow \Sigma X$  we get an arrow  $\pi_i(CX, X) \rightarrow \pi_i(\Sigma X, CX)$  which is isomorphism for  $0 \leq i \leq 2\ell + 1$  and surjective for  $i = 2\ell + 2$ .

So apply Blakers-Massey an ell equalities to get maps from  $\pi_{i-1}(X) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(\Omega \Sigma X)$  for  $i$  as desired. □

**corollary 25.** If  $X$  is  $\ell$ -connected, then  $\Sigma X$  is  $(\ell + 1)$ -connected for  $\ell \geq 0$ .

space	$S^0$	$\Sigma S^0 = S^1$	$\Sigma^2 S^0 = S^2$	$\Sigma^3 S^0 = S^3$	$\dots$	$\Sigma^n S^0 = S^n$
conectedness	-1	0	1	2	$\dots$	$(n-1)$

**corollary 26.**  $S^n$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected.

Back to Hopf fibration:

$$S^1 \hookrightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$$

we get

$$0 = \pi_2(S^3) \rightarrow \pi_2(S^2) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_1(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_1(S^3) = 0,$$

so

$$\mathbb{Z} = \pi_2(S^2).$$

Now consider a map  $S^n \rightarrow S^n$ . We get a map  $CS^n \rightarrow CS^n$  (in general, for  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  we have  $(t, x) \mapsto (t, f(x))$  in the cones). We also have  $CS^n \rightarrow CS^n/S^n = S^{n+1}$ .

Now if we take  $\text{id} : S^n \rightarrow S^n$  we shall get  $\text{id} : S^{n+1} \rightarrow S^{n+1}$ . Think about this like  $\pi_1(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_2(S^2)$ . Now from Freudenthal we get  $\pi_{i-1}(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(\Sigma X)$  is surjective because  $i = 0$ . From Hopf fibration we have  $\pi_2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}$ . So we have a surjective map  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . So it's an isomorphism and we conclude that  $\text{id}_{S^2}$  is a generator of  $\pi_2(S^2)$ .

**corollary 27.** Since  $S^n$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected, we have

$$\pi_i(S^n) \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(S^{n+1})$$

is isomorphism for  $i \leq 2(n-1) = 2n-1$  and epimorphism for  $i = 2n-1$ . (We just shift the indices of theorem 24 by one.)

**corollary 28.**  $\pi_n(S^n) = \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\text{id}_{S^n}$  as generator.

**corollary 29.**  $\pi_{n+k}(S^n) \rightarrow \pi_{n+k+1}(S^{n+1})$  is isomorphism for  $k \leq n-1$  and epimorphism for  $k = n-1$ .

So for example

$$\pi_4(S^3) = \pi_5(S^4) = \pi_6(S^5).$$

And in fact they are  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ . This is what are called the *kth stable homotopy groups of a sphere*. And more in general, we take any space and apply  $\Omega\Sigma$  enough times, and the homotopy will start to stabilize.

Or for example from

$$S^1 \hookrightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$$

we get

$$0 = \pi_i(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_i(S^3) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_i(S^2) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(S^2) = 0$$

So  $\pi_3(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  in case you were wondering.

**claim (Serre).**  $\pi_{4n-1}(S^{2n}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \text{finite abelian}$ . And  $\pi_i(S^k)$  is finite abelian in all other cases.

## another application of Blakers-Massey (2 april)

Glue a disk to a space and what happens to homotopy groups?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{(n-1)\text{-equiv}} & D^n \\ \downarrow \scriptstyle 0\text{-equiv} & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X \cup D^n \end{array}$$

Assume  $X$  is connected. We get a map from the vertical arrows

$$\pi_i(D^n, S^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_i(X \cup D^n, X)$$

which is  $(n-1)$ -equivalence by Blakers-Massey. So, by attaching  $\sqcup D^n$  we can kill  $\pi_{n-1}(X)$ , that is,  $X \cup (\sqcup D^n)$  has trivial  $\pi_{n-1}$ .

Now notice that

$$0 = \pi_i(D^n) \longrightarrow \pi_i(D^n, S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{i-1}(S^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{i-1}(D^n) = 0$$

that is,  $\pi_i(D^n, S^{n-1}) = 0$  for  $i \leq n-1$ . This implies that  $\pi_i(X \cup D^n, X) = 0$  for  $i \leq n-1$ .

Also by homotopy long exact sequence,

$$\pi_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(X \cup D^n) \text{ is surjective}$$

$$\pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(X \cup D^n) \text{ is isomorphism for } i \leq n-2.$$

So what we have thus far is

$$\pi_n(X \cup D^n) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X \cup D^n) \longrightarrow 0 = \pi_{n-1}(X \cup D^n)$$

Notice that  $\pi_n(X \cup D^n, X)$  is not ingeneral cyclic (counterexample  $S^1 \cup D^2$  taking universal cover which is real line with spheres on integers, homotopy equivalent to  $\bigvee_{\mathbb{Z}} S^2$  which is not finitely generated).

So basically attaching a disk via  $f$  will kill  $[f]$  inside  $\pi_n(X)$  this is called **killing** an element of the homotopy group.

**proposition 30.** For any CW-complex  $X$ ,  $X^\ell \rightarrow X$  is an  $\ell$ -equivalence.

**remark.** We have used that for  $A \hookrightarrow X$  from long exact sequence of relative homotopy groups we get  $\pi_n(X, A) = 0$ .

**corollary 31.** Let  $i \leq \ell$  and  $g : D^i \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : \partial D^i \rightarrow X^\ell$ . Then there is a homotopy rel  $\partial D^i$  to a map with  $\text{img} \subset X^\ell$ .

**Theorem 32 (Cellular approximation theorem).** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be CW-complexes and  $\xi : Y \rightarrow X$  be any map. Then  $\xi$  is homotopic to a **cellular map**, that is, a map  $\psi : Y \rightarrow X$ , such that for all  $\ell$ ,  $\psi Y^0 \subset X^\ell$ .



We also have

**proposition 33.** Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$\pi_n \left( \bigvee_{k \in I} S^n \right) = \bigoplus_{k \in I} \pi_n(S^n) = \bigoplus_{k \in I} \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus I}$$

**proposition 34.** First notice that for finite  $I$ ,

$$X^n = X^{n+1} = \bigvee_{k \in I} S^n$$

by looking carefully. Then

$$\pi_n(X, X^{n+1}) = 0 = \pi_{n+1}(X, X^{n+1})$$

so

$$\bigoplus_{k \in I} \mathbb{Z} = \prod_{k \in I} \pi_n(S^n) = \pi_n(X) = \pi_n(X^{n+1}) = \pi_n(X^n) = \pi_n \left( \bigvee_{k \in I} S^n \right)$$

and for the infinite case it also works, using finite compactness of the CW complex.

### postnikov tower and CW-approximation, 9 abril

- Let  $X$  be a space. Then there is a CW-complex  $Y$  and a weak homotopy equivalence from  $Y \rightarrow X$ .
- Let  $A \rightarrow X$  be a map of spaces. Then it can be factored as  $A \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X$  where  $A \hookrightarrow Y$  is a relative CW-complex, and  $Y \rightarrow X$  is a weak homotopy equivalence.

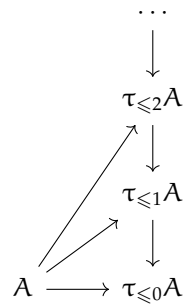
**remark.** Notice that the second item is the first one with  $A = \emptyset$ . Then, the second case is a Serre cofibration since it is a construction involving the cofibration  $S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D^n$  (this is a cofibration by definition).

- Let  $A$  be a space. Then there is a space  $\tau_{\leq n} A$  such that  $A \hookrightarrow \tau_{\leq n} A$ ;  $\tau_{\leq n} A$  is obtained by adding cells of  $\dim \geq n + 2$ .  $A \hookrightarrow \tau_{\leq n} A$  is  $(n + 1)$ -equivalence and

$$\pi_k(\tau_{\leq n} A) = 0 \quad k > n.$$

Moreover,  $A \rightarrow \tau_{\leq n} A$  is unique among morphisms in  $\text{Ho}(\text{CGWH})$  from  $A$  into spaces with  $\pi_k = 0$  for  $k > n$ .

This is called a *Postnikov tower* and it looks like this:



The idea is that  $\tau_{\leq n} A$  is obtained from  $A$  by killing elements of dimension greater than  $n$ , that is, by

- attaching  $n + 2$  cells that kill all  $\pi_{n+1}(A)$ ,
- attaching  $n + 3$  cells that kill all  $\pi_{n+2}(A)$ ,
- attaching  $n + 3 \dots$
- attaching  $n + n \dots$

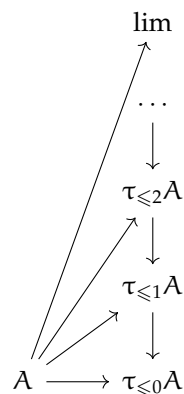
So consider the space  $X$  that is obtained from  $A$  after attaching cells of dimension  $\geq n + 2$ , so we have a map  $A \rightarrow X$ . Consider also a space  $Y$  with  $\pi_k(Y) = 0$  for  $k > n$ . Then for any map  $A \rightarrow Y$  there is a map  $X \rightarrow Y$  that extends  $A \rightarrow Y$ . This accounts for a bijection

$$[X, Y] \cong [A, Y].$$

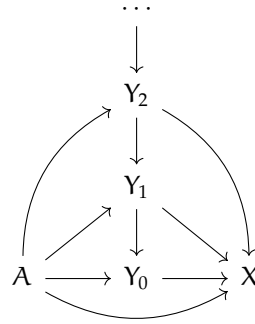
In class we struggled a bit to prove surjectivity, finally using an argument related to the pair  $(X \times I, X \times \partial I \cup A \times I)$ .

The point is that the spaces in the Postnikov tower are like the original space but with trivial homotopy groups for  $k \geq n$ .

**question.** What is the limit of the Postnikov tower?



- Let  $A \rightarrow X$  be a map (of CW-complexes (or spaces?)). Then



**Proof pending**

- We also have the *Whitehead tower*, obtained from the homotopy fiber

$$\text{hofib } f_n \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f_n} \tau_{\leq n-1} A$$

which yields

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_{k+1}(A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{k+1}(\tau_{\leq n} A) \rightarrow \pi_k(\text{hofib}) \rightarrow \pi_k(A) \rightarrow \pi_k(\tau_{\leq n} A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

so

$k \leq n-1$	$k = n$	$k \geq n+1$
$\pi_k(\text{hofib } f_n) = 0$	$\pi_n(\text{hofib } f_n) = 0$	$\pi_k(A) = \pi_k(\text{hofib } f_n)$

- Now there's a natural way to construct the following diagram:

$$A \longrightarrow \tau_{\leq n} A \longrightarrow \tau_{\leq n-1} A$$

which yields the bundle

$$\text{hofib} \longrightarrow \tau_{\leq n} A \longrightarrow \tau_{\leq n-1} A$$

and in this case we get

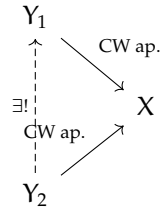
$k \neq n$	$k = n$
$\pi_k(\text{hofib}) = 0$	$\pi_n(\text{hofib}) = \pi_n(A)$

and this is what we call a  $K(\pi, n)$ -*space* (all homotopy groups are trivial but the  $n$ th.)

## Moore space, $K(\pi, n)$ and Hurewicz theorem, 11&16 apr

**Theorem 35 (Uniqueness of CW-approximations).** Recall that a CW-approximation of  $X$  is a map  $f : Z \rightarrow X$  and a CW-complex  $Z$  that is a weak homotopy equivalence (induces isomorphisms in all homotopy groups).

We have that



up to homotopy equivalences

**lemma 36 (Compression).** If the relative homotopy groups of a pair  $(Y, B)$  is zero for  $n = \dim e$  for every cell  $e \in X \setminus A$  then any map  $(X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is homotopic rel  $A$  to  $(X, A) \rightarrow (B, B)$  (so intuitively we can collapse  $Y$ ).

*Proof.* With fibrations (photo) □

**proposition 37.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an  $n$ -equivalence (in [Hatcher](#) stated as weak equivalence but argument is the same). Then  $f$  induces an  *$n$ -equivalence in homology*  $H_i(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_i(Y, \mathbb{Z})$  (an isomorphism for  $i < n$  and surjection for  $i = n$ ).

*Proof.* photo □

**corollary 38.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a weak equivalence, then  $f$  induces an isomorphism in  $H_*(-, G)$  and  $H^*(-, G)$ .

*Proof.* Universal coefficients. □

**definition.** Let  $\pi$  be an abelian group. Take

$$0 \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow \pi$$

a *free resolution*, i.e.  $F_1 = Z^{\oplus J}$  and  $F_0 = Z^{\oplus I}$  are free abelian groups and  $\pi = F_0/F_1$ . Let's take the corresponding maps

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee_{j \in S} S^n &\longrightarrow \bigvee_{i \in I} S^n \longrightarrow \text{hocofib } f \\ x_j &\longmapsto \sum a_i y_i \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_i$  is the degree of  $S^n \rightarrow S^n$ . Recall that the homotopy cofiber  $\text{hocofib } f$  is the mapping cone of  $f$ . It is the *cone of pointed spaces*. We call this space the **Moore space**  $M(\pi, n)$  and it is such that

$$\tilde{H}_i(M(\pi, n)) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq n \\ \pi, & i = n \end{cases}$$

What do we get in homology? Exactly the sequence of free groups above. So,  $H_n(\text{hocofib } f) = \pi$ . What do we get in homotopy? **Might be  $\pi$  as well**. Let's prove something stronger:

**Theorem 39.** Let  $Y$  be such that  $\pi_i(Y) = 0$  for  $i > n$  and  $\pi_0(Y) = 0$ . Then

$$[\text{hocofib } f, Y] \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\pi_n(\text{hocofib } f), \pi_n(Y))$$

is a bijection.

*Proof.* Photo

Take

$$\bigvee_I S^n \longrightarrow \bigvee_J S^m \longrightarrow \text{hocofib } f$$

Now apply  $[-, Y]$ . We get

$$[\bigvee_I S^1] \longleftarrow [\bigvee_J S^1] \longleftarrow [\text{hocofib } f, Y] \longleftarrow 0$$

□

**lemma 40.** If  $(X, A)$  is  $r$ -connected,  $A$   $s$ -connected for all  $r, s \geq 0$ , then the map

$$\pi_i(X, A) \rightarrow \pi_i(X/A)$$

induced by the quotient map  $X \rightarrow X/A$  is an  $(r + s + 1)$  equivalence.

*Proof.* If  $(X, A)$  is  $r$ -connected. □

**After the lemma we proved that  $\pi_n(C_f) \cong G$ .**

**Theorem 41.** Now consider a Moore space, kill all homotopy groups to get  $\tau_{\leq n}(M)$ . It is a  $K(\pi, n)$  space with cells in  $\dim \geq n$ , obtained from  $\text{hofib } f$  by attaching cells of  $\dim \geq n + 2$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tau_{\leq n} M \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \text{! up to homotopy} \\ & Y & \end{array}$$

$$[\text{hocofib } f, y] \cong [\tau_{\leq n}(\text{hocofib } f), Y] = \text{Hom}(\pi, \pi_n(Y)).$$

If  $\pi_n(Y) = \pi$ , then there is a weak equivalence

$$\tau_{\leq n}(\text{hocofib } f) \rightarrow Y.$$

**Theorem 42 (Hurewicz).** Let  $X$  be an  $(n - 1)$ -connected space for  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$\tilde{H}_i(X) = \begin{cases} 0, & i < n \\ \pi_n(X), & i = n \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Photo.

Idea is to construct a Moore space that is **a piece of the CW approximation**. **Why a piece?**  
Write and understand why this worked!  $\square$

**Theorem 43 (Relative Hurewicz theorem).** Let  $(X, A)$  be  $n$ -connected,  $A$  be 1-connected,  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$H_i(X, A) = \begin{cases} 0, & i < n \\ \pi_n(X, A), & i = n \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Take a CW approximation of  $(X, A)$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Y & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow \cong & \\ B & \xrightarrow{\cong} & A & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

So the approximation is  $(B, Y)$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i(Y, B) &= \pi_i(Y/B), \quad i \leq n \\ H_i(Y, B) &= \tilde{H}_i(Y/B), \quad \forall i \end{aligned}$$

and first line implies that  $\pi_i(Y/B) = 0$  for  $i < n$ . But then we are done, right?  $\square$

## Representability of the functor $H^n(-, G)$

**remark.** Recall the *adjoint relation*

$$\langle \Sigma X, K \rangle = \langle X, \Omega K \rangle$$

where  $\Sigma X$  is the *reduced suspension* of a space  $X$ ,  $\Omega K$  is the *loop space* of another space  $K$  and the brackets mean homotopy classes of basepointed maps. Choosing  $X = S^0$  and  $K = M$ , the left-hand side becomes  $\pi_1(M, m)$  and the right-hand side becomes the path components of  $\text{Map}((S^1, 0), (M, m))$ .

Now let's do some other interesting remarks.

**definition.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category. Then  $\text{Psh}(\mathcal{C})$  is the category of *presheaves* of  $\mathcal{C}$  i.e. the category of functors  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  and natural transformations. For any object  $A$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  there is a presheaf  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A)$ . A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  that is isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A)$  for some  $A$  is called *representable*.

For example,  $\text{Hom}_{\text{CW}}(X, K(\pi, n)) \cong H^n(X, \pi)$ , that is,  $H^n$  is representable.

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H_{n-1}(K(G, n), G)) \longrightarrow H^n(K(G, n), G) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(H_n(K(G, n)), G) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & \end{array}$$

There is a special element in  $H^n(K(G, N), G)$ , the preimage of  $\text{id}_G$ .

**claim.**

$$[X, K(G, n) \cong \check{H}^n(X, G)]$$

where on the left we have based CW-complexes.

**lemma 44 (Yoneda).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf,  $A$  be an object in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$\text{Nat}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A), \mathcal{F}) \cong \mathcal{F}(A)$$

naturally in  $A$ .

*Proof.* For  $f : C \rightarrow A$ , we have this commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{id}_A & \longmapsto & f \\ \\ \text{Hom}(A, A) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(C, A) \\ \eta_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta_C \\ \mathcal{F}(A) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}(C) \\ \\ \eta_A(\text{id}_A) & \longmapsto & \eta_C(f) \end{array}$$

So, natural transformations  $\eta : \text{Hom}(-, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  are determined by  $\eta_A(\text{id}_A)$ . And that's it because then the map  $\eta \mapsto \eta_A(\text{id}_A)$  is what we are looking for. It remains to write why it is injective, surjective and natural.  $\square$

## representability theory

If a functor  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  is representable, then it sends colimits to limits and sends weak colimits to weak colimits.

**Theorem 45.** If  $F : \text{Ho CW}_* \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  sends

1. coproducts (=wedges) to products,

2. 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C & \longrightarrow & B \cup_A C \end{array}$$
 to weak pullback, where  $B \cup_A C$  is a CW complex,  $B$  and  $C$  are CW complexes,  $A = B \cap C$ ,  
then  $F$  is representable.  
(By  $B$  with isomorphism  $F \cong [-, B]$  given by some  $X \in F(B)$ .)

**definition.** A CW-complex  $B$  together with a choice of  $\gamma \in F(B)$  is a *spherical classifying space* of  $F$  if

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_* : [S^n, B] &\rightarrow F(S^n) \\ f &\mapsto f^*(\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism for  $n > 0$  (because for  $n = 0$   $S^n$  is not connected).

**proposition 46.** If  $(B_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $(B_2, \gamma_2)$  are two classifying spaces for  $F$ , then  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are homotopy equivalent via the map that sends  $\gamma_1$  to  $\gamma_2$ .

**proposition 47.** If  $(B_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $(B_2, \gamma_2)$  are two classifying spaces for  $F$ , then  $g : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  is such that  $g^*(\gamma_2) = \gamma_1$ , then  $g$  is a homotopy equivalence.

## May 2: after representation theorem

### Cohomology operations

$$\text{Nat}(H^n(-, G_1), H^n(-, G_2)) \leftrightarrow [K(G_1, n), K(G_2, n)]$$

### example.

1.  $x \mapsto x \smile x, H^n \rightarrow H^{2n}$ . This is a natural transformation between the  $H$  functors.
2. The short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p \longrightarrow 0$$

yields

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H^n(X, \mathbb{Z}/p^2) \longrightarrow H^n(X, \mathbb{Z}/p) \longrightarrow H^{n+1}(X, \mathbb{Z}/p) \longrightarrow H^{n+1}(X, \mathbb{Z}/p^2) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

which is natural in  $X$ , yielding the *Bockstein homomorphism*

$$H^n(-, \mathbb{Z}/p) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(-, \mathbb{Z}/p)$$



## spectral sequences

1. *Exact couple*:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & A \\ & \swarrow k & \searrow j \\ & E & \end{array}$$

It looks like this is just notation for an exact sequence that repeats over and over.

**example.** Take

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p \longrightarrow 0$$

and take  $C_\bullet$  torsion free chain complex. You get

$$0 \longrightarrow C_\bullet \xrightarrow{\times p} C_\bullet \longrightarrow C_\bullet \otimes \mathbb{Z}/p \longrightarrow 0$$

which yields a long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_n \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ H_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \dots \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & H_n & \end{array}$$

Or better yet (notation)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_*(C) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_*(C) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & H_*(C, \mathbb{Z}/p) & \end{array}$$

## 2. *Derived couple of exact couple*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A' & \xrightarrow{i'} & A' \\ & \swarrow k' & \searrow j' \\ & E' & \end{array}$$

Where  $A' = \text{img } i$ ,

And the exact couple yields a homology  $E^1 = H(A, d)$  with differential  $d = jk$ ,

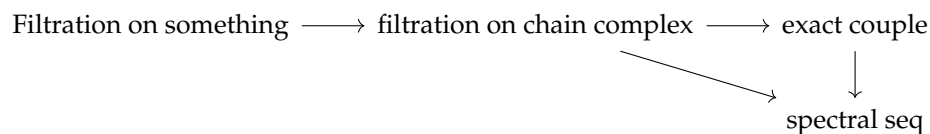
$i' = i|_{A'}, j'(ia) := [j(a)], k'([e]) = k(e)$ .

We have checked that

- $j'$  and  $k'$  are well-defined.  $i'$  is well-defined automatically.
- that the image of  $k'$  is in fact in  $A'$
- $j'i' = 0, k'j' = 0, i'k' = 0$ .
- that  $j'(ai) = 0 \implies ia = i'a', k'[e] = 0 \implies [e] = j'(a')$  and that  $i'(a') = 0 \implies a' = k[e]$ .

So, we have shown that each exact couple gives a derived couple.

3.



A **filtration** on an abelian group/ $R$ -module/chain complex/...  $C$  is

$$\dots \subseteq F_n C \subseteq F_{n+1} C \subseteq C, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and there is an associated graded  $\text{gr } F_\bullet C := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n C / F_{n-1} C$ .

We hope to recover  $C$  from  $\text{gr } F_\bullet$ .

**Problem 1.** If  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n C \neq 0$  then the map  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n C$  loses some information. We may solve this by asking that

1.  $F_n C = 0$  for  $n < 0$
2.  $C \rightarrow \lim C / F_n C$  is isomorphism.

**Problem 2.** If  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n C \neq C$  that would be very bad. Then we should ask that  $C = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n C$  which is  $C = \text{colim } F_n C$ .

**example.** We discussed the cases of  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}$ . We found that even though  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n C = 0$  in both cases, we could not recover the desired information (?).

Now, to each Serre fibration corresponds a spectral sequence.

### spectral sequences cont.

$X$  is a filtered chain complex

$$\dots \subseteq X_{n-1} \subseteq X_n \subseteq X_{n+1} \subseteq \dots$$

We automatically get

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
H_{p+q}(X_p) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_{p+q}(X_p/X_{p-1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_{p+q-1}(X_{p-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{p+q-1}(X_{p-1}/X_{p-2}) \rightarrow \cdots \\
\downarrow i & & \downarrow & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\
H_{p+q}(X_{p+1}) & \rightarrow & H_{p+q}(X_{p+1}/X_p) & \rightarrow & H_{p+q-1}(X_p) & \xrightarrow{j} & H_{p+q-1}(X_p/X_{p-1}) \xrightarrow{k} \cdots \\
\downarrow i & & \downarrow & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\
H_{p+q}(X_{p+2}) & \rightarrow & H_{p+q}(X_{p+2}/X_{p+1}) & \rightarrow & H_{p+q-1}(X_{p+1}) & \rightarrow & H_{p+q-1}(X_{p+1}/X_p) \rightarrow \cdots \\
\downarrow i & & \downarrow & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\
\cdots & & \cdots & & \cdots & & \cdots
\end{array}$$

Notice that the red arrows are the induced exact sequence of

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & X_{p-1} & \longrightarrow & X_p & \longrightarrow & X_p/X_{p-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & X_p & \longrightarrow & X_{p+1} & \longrightarrow & X_{p+1}/X_p \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

Now consider

$$A = \bigoplus_{p+q} H_{p+q}(X_p)$$

and simply call  $A_{p,1} = H_{p+q}(X_p)$ . Also take

$$E = \bigoplus_{p,q} H_{p+q}(X_p/X_{p-1})$$

and  $E_{p,q} := H_{p+q}(X_p/X_{p-1})$ .

We have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{i} & A \\
& \nwarrow k & \nearrow j \\
& & E
\end{array}$$

where

**map**

**bidigree**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
i : A_{p,q} \rightarrow A_{p+1,q-1} & (1, -1) \\
j : A_{p,q} \rightarrow E_{p,q} & (0, 0) \\
k : E_{p,q} \rightarrow A_{p-1,q} & (-1, 0)
\end{array}$$

Now consider the derived couple of this exact couple several times:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A^2 & \xrightarrow{i_2} & A^2 \\
& \nwarrow k_2 & \nearrow j_2 \\
& & E^2
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{ccc}
A^3 & \xrightarrow{i_3} & A^3 \\
& \nwarrow k_3 & \nearrow j_3 \\
& & E^3
\end{array}$$

where, going back to definitions

$$E^2 = \ker d_1 / \operatorname{img} d_1 \quad E^3 = \ker d_2 / \operatorname{img} d_2$$

and so on.

And then think about the bidigrees of the other maps. Well they are

map	bidigree
$i_k = i_{k-1} \circ \operatorname{img} i_{k-1}$	$(1, -1)$
$j_n$	$-(n-1), n-1)$
$k_n$	$(-1, 0)$
$d = j_n k_n$	$(-n, n-1)$

(we thought about this).

Here are some reasonable assumptions:

1.  $X_p = 0$  for  $p < 0$ .
2.  $\bigcup_p X_p = X$ .
3.  $H_{p+q}(X_p/X_{p-1}) = 0$  for  $q < 0$ .

**remark.** It will happen that for very large  $r$ ,  $E_{p,q}^r = E_{p,q}^r = \cdots = E_{p,q}^\infty$ .

Also it will happen that

$$E_{p,q}^\infty \cong \operatorname{img} H_{p+q}(X_p) / \operatorname{img} H_{p+q}(X_{p-1})$$

and we will know what

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{p+q \text{ fixed} \\ p \in \mathbb{N}}} \operatorname{img} H_{p+q}(X_p) / \operatorname{img} H_{p+q}(X_{p-1})$$

is, and understand

$$H_* \quad \dots \subseteq \operatorname{img} H_{p+q}(X_p) \subseteq \operatorname{img} H_{p+q}(X_{p+1}) \subseteq \dots \subseteq H_{p+q}(X),$$

which is induced by

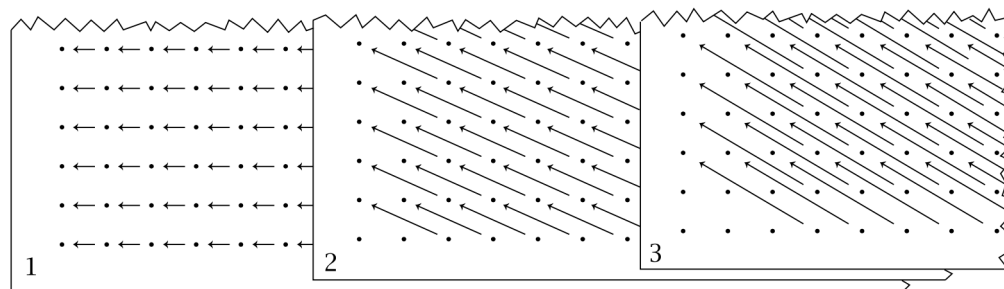
$$X \longrightarrow X_{p+1} \longrightarrow X$$

in our hopes to understand  $H_{p+q}(X)$  which is of course just the homology of  $X$ .

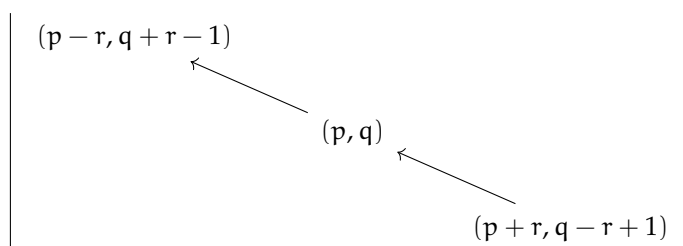
Now let's put the  $E$ 's in a diagram like

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} & \dots & & \\ E_{0,1}^1 & E_{1,1}^1 & E_{2,1}^1 & \\ E_{0,0}^1 & E_{1,0}^1 & E_{2,0}^1 & \end{array}$$

and if arrows are the differential  $d$  with bidegree  $(-n, n-1)$ , we already have Hatcher's picture



And something interesting will happen when  $r$  is very big. **What?** This:



that for a fixed  $(p, q)$  there is a large  $r$  such that if  $p < r$  and  $q+1 < r$  we shall have

$$E_{p,q}^r = E_{p,q}^{r+1} := E_{p,q}^\infty.$$

### serre spectral sequence

Now take a Serre fibration  $F \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow B$  with

$$\pi_0(F) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_1(B) = 0$$

and it turns out that

$$E_{p,q}^2 = H_p(B, H_q(H)) \implies H_{p,q}(E).$$

**example.** For  $S^1 \rightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  we have found that the first two pages are

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z}/\text{img } d_2 & & \mathbb{Z} \\ & \nwarrow \cong & & & & & \\ \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z}/\text{img } d_2 \\ & \nearrow d & & & & & \\ & E_2 & & & E_3 & & \end{array}$$

so  $E^3 = E^\infty$ .

**example.** We have also done  $S^3 \rightarrow S^7 \rightarrow S^4$  and  $S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$ . See **sssguide**.

Now we will prove that there exists a spectral sequence and that it converges where it converges. Consider either of

$$\pi_0(B) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} \pi_1(B) = 0 \\ \text{or } \pi_1(B) \text{ acts trivially on } H_q(F) \\ \text{or take } H_* \text{ with local coefficients} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 48.** There is spectral sequence  $E^\vee$  that converges to  $H_*(E)$  and such that

$$E_{p,q}^2 = H_p(B, H_q(F, G)).$$

*Proof.* The construction of the spectral sequence is not complicated. Start with  $E^1$ . Then Do  $E^2$  with

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E^k \times F & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ D^k & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$

□

Consider the following conditions on the big staircase diagram:

- a. In each A column almost all maps are isomorphisms.
- b. In each column E almost each entry is 0.
- c.  $E_{p,q}^1 = 0$  for  $p < 0$  and  $q < 0$ .
- d.  $X_p = 0$  for  $p < 0$  and  $H_n(X_p) \rightarrow H_n(X_{p+1})$  is isomorphism for  $p \gg 0$ .

And also

- $A_{-\infty, p+q} := A_{p,q}$  for  $p \ll 0$ .
- $A_{+\infty, p+q} := A_{p,q}$  for  $p \gg 0$ .

And then

- e1.  $A_{-\infty, p+q} = 0$ .
- e2.  $A_{+\infty, p+q} = 0$ .

**claim.** b  $\implies E_{p,q}^r$  stabilizes for fixed panel  $q$ , so  $E_{p,q}^\infty$  makes sense.

Now let's check that indices are the way they are in

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} E_{p+r-1, q-r+2}^r & \xrightarrow{k} & A_{p+r-2, q-r+2}^r & \xrightarrow{i} & A_{p+r-1, q-r+1}^r & \xrightarrow{j} & E_{p,q}^r & \xrightarrow{k} & A_{p-1, q}^r & \xrightarrow{i} & A_{p, q-1}^r & \xrightarrow{j} & E_{p-r+1, q-r-2}^r \\ \parallel & & & & & & & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & & & & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & & & & & \text{if } e1 & & \text{if } e1 & & & & \end{array}$$

Ok, after some other considerations we have concluded that

$E_{p,q}^\infty$  also makes sense and it is a piece of  $p$ -graded associative algebra graded of  $A_{+\infty,p+q}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} E_{p,q}^r &= A_{p+q+r,q-r+q}^r / i A_{p+r-2,q-1+2}^r \\ &= i^{r-1}(A_{p,q}^1) / i^r(A_{p-1,q+1}^1) \\ &= F_p A_{+\infty,p+q} / F_{p-1} A_{+\infty,p+q} \end{aligned}$$

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In cover spaces we have homeomorphisms between the fibers. In Hurewicz fibrations this may not be true, but we still can have homotopy equivalences. So consider a Hurewicz fibration  $f : E \rightarrow B$  and a path  $I \rightarrow B$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_a & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & E \\ \downarrow i_0 & \nearrow & \downarrow f \\ F_a \times I & \xrightarrow{\pi} I & \xrightarrow{p} B \end{array}$$

And we claim that there is an homotopy equivalence

$$F_a \cong F_a \times \{1\} \rightarrow F_b = f^{-1}b$$

To see why, consider two homotopic paths  $p_1, p_2 : I \rightarrow B$ . Construct the following diagram:

[see sss.pdf]

We have (or will?) established:

**proposition 49.** For any Hurewicz fibration  $f : E \rightarrow B$  there is "an action of  $\pi_1(B)$  on  $F_b$  up to homotopy"

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(B) &\rightarrow \text{Ho Top} \\ b &\mapsto F_b \end{aligned}$$

We have an action

$$\pi_1(B) \curvearrowright H_*(F_b)$$

Today I've forgotten to prove that the action of  $\pi_1(B)$  on fibre is actually an action: that the action of  $x \cdot y$  is the composition of the action of  $y$  and of  $x$

The fact that fibrations over disks are always trivial is easy to prove. The algebraic analogue of this is the [Quillen-Suslin theorem](#)

Why do we need this? Consider the following case:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_i^* E & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_i} & B \end{array}$$

for  $f_1, f_2 : X \rightarrow B$ .

## serre spectral sequence for cohomology

Suppose

$$F \hookrightarrow X \longrightarrow B$$

Is a Serre fibration with  $\pi_0(B) = 0$  and that the action described above  $\pi_1(B) \curvearrowright H^*(F; G)$  is trivial.

Then there is a spectral sequence  $\{E_r^{p,q}, d_r\}$  such that

- a.  $d_r : E_r^{p,q} \rightarrow E_r^{p+r, q-r+q}$ ;  $E_{r+1}^{p,q} = \ker d_r / \text{img } d_r$ .
- b.  $E_\infty^{p,q} \cong F_p^{p+q} / F_{p+1}^{p+q}$ ;  $0 \subset F_{p+q}^{p+q} \subset \dots \subset F_0^{p+q} = H^{p+q}(X, G)$ .
- c.  $E_2^{p,q} = H^p(B, H^q(F, G))$ .
- d.  $E_2^{p,q} \times E_2^{s,t} \rightarrow E_2^{p+s, q+t}$ , which is given by  $(-1)^{qs}$ .

$$H^p(B, H^q(F, R)) \times H^s(B, H^t(F, R)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{p+s}(B, H(F, R))$$

now supposing that  $G = R$  is a ring.

e. This

$$F_p^m \times F_s^n \xrightarrow{\sim} F_{p+s}^{m+n}$$

which induces

$$F_p^m / F_{p+1}^m \times F_s^n / F_{s+1}^n \rightarrow F_{p+s}^{m+n} / F_{p+s+1}^{m+n}$$

and is

$$F_\infty^{p, m-p} \times E_\infty^{s, n-s} \rightarrow E_\infty^{p+s, m+n-p-s}$$

**example (Cohomology of base space).** We have computed the cohomology of  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  using Serre spectral sequence.

**example (Cohomology of Étale space).** Consider the Hopf fibration

$$S^1 \longrightarrow S^3 \longrightarrow S^2$$

Its easy to see that the second page is

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ \hline & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

We notice immediately that  $E_3 = E_\infty$ , since the 0's in the diagram remain to future pages. To find  $E_3$ , **it turns out** that it can be shown that  $d_2$  is an isomorphism (recall that  $d_2$  goes two to the right and one down). **This makes the upper-left and lower-right groups zero** on the third page:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \\ \hline & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$



It is now possible to read off the cohomology of the total space  $S^3$  by assembling along the diagonals. In this case, we have

$$H^n(S^3) = \bigoplus_{s+t=n} E_{\infty}^{s,t}.$$

(This is what leads to considering the diagonals in the diagram.) This gives a  $\mathbb{Z}$  in dimension 0 from  $E_{\infty}^{0,0}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  in dimension 3 from  $E_{\infty}^{2,1}$  as expected.

**example (Cohomology of fiber).** Consider the fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Omega S^3 & \longrightarrow & PS^3 & \longrightarrow & S^3 \\ & & \simeq & & \\ & & pt & & \end{array}$$

We use the following

**claim.** On  $E^3, E^4, \dots$  are equal when the differentials on the second page are 0.

*Proof.* It's because

$$E_r^{p,q} = 0 \implies E_r^{p,q} = 0$$

We have  $E_2^{p,q} = 0$  for  $q \geq 2$  or  $q < 0$ , so we have  $E_3^{p,q} = 0$  for  $q \geq 2$  or  $q < 0$ , and finally  $d_r = 0$  for  $r \geq 3$ . More finally,

$$d_r : E^{p,q} \rightarrow E^{p+q} \rightarrow E^{p+r,q-r+1}$$

for  $-r+1 \geq -2$ . □

We discovered that

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \dots & & & & \\ \mathbb{Z} & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \mathbb{Z} & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \mathbb{Z} & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \end{array}$$

We have also computed ring structure.

**example (Cohomology of Étale espace).** Consider the fibration

$$SU(n-1) \longrightarrow SU(n) \longrightarrow S^{2n-1}$$

The particular case of

$$SU(3) \longrightarrow SU(4) \longrightarrow S^{24-1}$$

yields

	...		...					
8	$\mathbb{Z}a_3a_5$		$\mathbb{Z}a_7a_5a_3$					
7								
6								
5	$\mathbb{Z}a_5$		$\mathbb{Z}a_7a_5$					
4								
3	$\mathbb{Z}a_3$		$\mathbb{Z}a_7a_3$					
2								
1								
0	$\mathbb{Z}$		$\mathbb{Z}a_3$					
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Giving  $E_2 = E_\infty$  since all differentials are zero. It follows that the cohomology ring is  $\Lambda(a_3, a_5, a_7)$ . The case of

$$SU(2) = S^3 \longrightarrow SU(3) \longrightarrow S^{23-1} = S^5$$

yields, too, that  $E_2 = E_\infty$

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**Theorem 50.** Let  $F \rightarrow X \rightarrow B$  be a Serre fibration. Then there is a spectral sequence that converges to  $H_n(X, G)$ . If the action of  $\pi_1(B)$  on  $H_*(F, G)$  is trivial, then

$$H_2^{p,q} = H_p(B, H_q(F, G)).$$

More generally, if the action is not trivial, then  $E_2^{p,q} = H_p(B, \mathcal{L}_q)$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a local system coming from  $\pi_1(B) \curvearrowright F$ .

We are not going to prove this theorem.

**definition.** Action of  $\pi_1(B)$  on  $H_*(F, G)$  for Serre fibration.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 F & & F & & F \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 i^*p^*E & \xrightarrow{\cong} & p^*E & \longrightarrow & E \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\
 0 & \xrightarrow[\cong]{i} & I & \xrightarrow{p} & B
 \end{array}$$

Now considering the long exact sequence of homotopy, we get:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi_i(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_i(p^*E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_i(X) \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\
 \pi_i(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_i(i^*p^*E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_i(Y)
 \end{array}$$

because, in general, for an homotopy equivalence  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , the pullback is an homotopy equivalence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{=} & F \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f^*E & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & Y \end{array}$$

Then we take pullback of a larger diagram to prove that the action is associative (that it is, in fact, an action) via homology groups.

*Proof.*

1. We may assume that  $B$  is a CW-complex with one 0-cell, and  $X \rightarrow B$  is a Hurewicz fibration.

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{c} F \\ \downarrow \\ X \\ \downarrow \\ C \longrightarrow B \end{array}$$

There is a CW approximation  $\alpha : C \rightarrow B$  with  $C$  having exactly one 0-cell that is sent to the basepoint of  $B$ . Now we say

Every space can be factored as weak equivalence followed by Hurewicz fibration. (Path space is behind the scenes.)

We obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} p_{\alpha^*p}^{-1}e_0 & \xleftarrow{\simeq} & F & \longrightarrow & F \\ \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ E^{\alpha_0,p} & \xleftarrow{\simeq} & \alpha^*X & \xrightarrow{\cong} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ C & \xlongequal{\quad} & C & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$

Anyway, that's the CW-complex replacing  $B$ . □

2. There is a nice filtration on  $X$ . Take the filtration

$$\emptyset \subseteq \text{sk}_0 B \subseteq \text{sk}_1 B \subseteq \dots \subseteq B$$

which induces

$$\emptyset \subseteq X^0 := p^{-1} \text{sk}_0 B \subseteq X^1 := p^{-1} \text{sk}_1 B \subseteq \dots \subseteq X$$

and it turns out that

- (a)  $\bigcup_i X^i = X$ .
- (b)  $\text{sk}_n B \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -equivalence (we already know this from other constructions). Then  $X^n \hookrightarrow X$  induces isomorphisms on  $H_i$  for  $i < n - 1$  by Hurewicz theorem and five-lemma.

This means that we get a filtration on  $C_*(X)$  and on  $H_*(X)$ . From b. we get that in each column  $A'_{\bullet, p+q}$  only a finite number of maps are not isomorphisms. When we discussed spectral sequences, we say that this corresponds to a filtration

$$\emptyset \subseteq X^0 \subseteq X^1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X$$

that converges to  $H_*$ .

Namely, we have a spectral sequence such that

$$E_{p,q}^1 = H_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1})$$

and

$$E_{p,q}^\infty = \text{the } p\text{-th graded piece of } H_{p+q}(X).$$

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} B^{p-1} \hookrightarrow B^p & \text{ is a } (p-1)\text{-equivalence} \\ X^{p-1} \hookrightarrow X^p & \text{ is a } (p-1)\text{-equivalence} \\ H_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1}) &= 0 \quad q < 0. \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, we have the first-quadrant of the spectral sequence  $E_{p,q}^1 = H_{p+q}(X_p, X_{p-1})$ , which proves the first statement in the theorem.

- (c) Now suppose the action of  $\pi_1(B)$  on  $H_*(F, G)$  is trivial. Look at the CW structure of things

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \widetilde{S^{p-1}} & \longrightarrow & \widetilde{D^p} & \longrightarrow & X^p \\ \downarrow \wr & \lrcorner & \downarrow \wr & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ S^{p-1} & \longrightarrow & D^p & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B^p \end{array}$$

We also proved that

**claim.**  $\bigoplus_\alpha H_*(\widetilde{D^p}, \widetilde{S^{p-1}}) \rightarrow H_*(X^p, X^{p-1})$  is an isomorphism.

And then for this we did

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 u & \times & o & & x & & x \\
 & & & & & & \\
 S^{p-1} \times F_\alpha \times 0 & \longrightarrow & F_\alpha & \hookrightarrow & \widetilde{D}_\alpha^p & & \\
 \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 S^{p-1} \times F_\alpha \times I & \xrightarrow{\text{proj}} & S^{p-1} \times I & \xrightarrow{(u,t) \mapsto t \cdot u} & D^p & & \\
 u & \times & o & & u & o & 0
 \end{array}$$

and used Künneth formula:

By definition,  $(X, A) \times$

□

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In the end we would like to prove that homotopy groups of sphere are finitely generated and moreover all except two kinds (which?) are in fact finite.

**definition.** A *Serre class*  $\mathcal{C}$  of abelian groups is a class of abelian groups closed under the operations of taking subgroups, quotients, and forming extensions. That is, for any short exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

with  $A$  and  $C$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $B$  is also in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**example.**

1. The class of finitely-generated groups.
2. Torsion groups. From algebraic geometry you might be acquainted with

$$M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = S^{-1}M, \quad S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

More generally,

$$M \otimes_R S^{-1}R = S^{-1}M$$

Why do we care? Because **localization is an exact functor**, equivalently,  $S^{-1}R$  is a flat  $R$ -module. Notice that

$$M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = 0 \iff M \text{ is a torsion group.}$$

Which follows simply from the fact that

$$\forall m, s, \quad \frac{m}{s} = \frac{0}{1} \iff \forall m, x \exists s' : s'm = 0.$$

So

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

implies

$$0 \longrightarrow A \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow B \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow C \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow 0$$

so  $A \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  and  $B \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  are zero iff  $B \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is zero.

$\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are Serre classes then  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2$  is a Serre class.

Finite abelian groups.

Torsion groups such that the order of any element is coprime to any  $p \in P$  for some subset  $P$  of primes. For example,

- $P = \{p\}$  then we get the condition  $p$  does not divide the orders of elements.
- $P =$  all primes except  $p =$  all  $s \neq 0$  such that  $(p, s) = 1$ . Then we get the order of elements are powers of  $p$ . It turns out that  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = p^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $(p)$  is the ideal generated by  $p$ . Then

$$M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = 0 \iff M \text{ does not have } p\text{-torsion}$$

that is, the orders are not divisible by  $p$ .

**I think** we concluded that localization of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  does not change anything.

So again

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

implies

$$0 \longrightarrow A \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \longrightarrow B \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \longrightarrow C \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \longrightarrow 0$$

so  $A \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  and  $B \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  are zero iff  $B \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is zero.

**claim.** For a simply connected space it is equivalent that  $H_i \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $0 < i < n$  and that  $\pi_i \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $0 < i < n$ .

**proposition 51.** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a Serre class and

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C$$

and  $A, C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & A & & 0 & & & \\
 & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & \text{img} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \searrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & & & C
 \end{array}$$

□

**remark.**

1. If  $C_\bullet$  is a chain complex, all  $C_n$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $H_n$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .
2.  $F_\bullet A$  a filtration,  $A$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  then each graded piece of  $\text{gr } A$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .
3.  $F_\bullet A$  finite filtration, i.e.  $0 \subset F_0 A \subset \dots \subset F_n A = A$ , and each graded piece  $\text{gr } A$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $A$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ . This follows from the fact that  $F_0 A = F_0 A/0$ ,  $F_1 A/F_0 A$ ,  $F_2 A/F_1 A$  ... are all in  $\mathcal{C}$ .
4. First-quadrant of spectral sequence that converges to  $H_*(C_\bullet)$ . Suppose  $E_{p,q}^r$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$  for all  $p, q$  and some fixed  $r$ . Then  $E_{p,q}^{r+1}$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$  implies that  $E_{p,q}^\infty$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ , which in turn implies that  $H_*(C_\bullet)$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

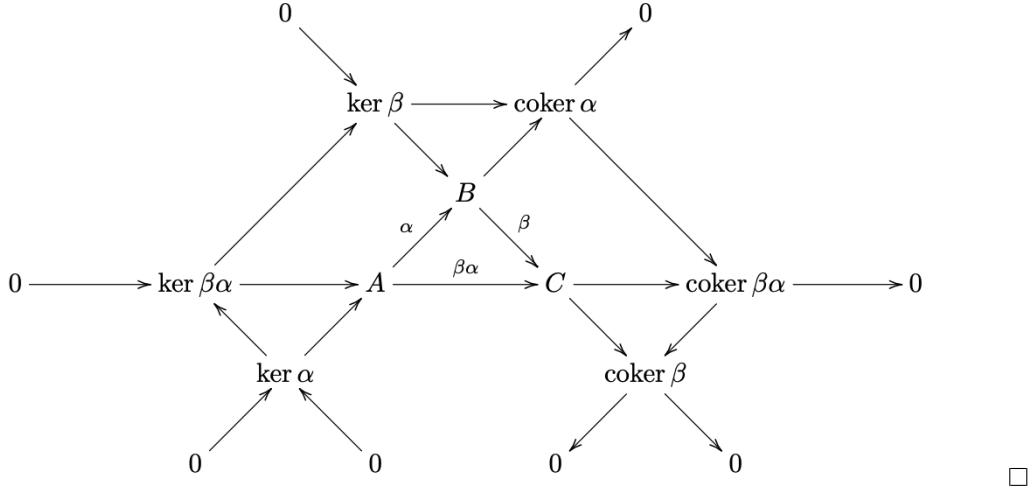
**definition.**

- $f : A \rightarrow B$  is **monomorphism** mod  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\ker f$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- $f : A \rightarrow B$  is **epimorphism** mod  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\text{coker } f$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- $f : A \rightarrow B$  is **isomorphism** mod  $\mathcal{C}$  if both  $\ker f$  and  $\text{coker } f$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**proposition 52.**

1. A monomorphism mod  $\mathcal{C}$ , epimorphism mod  $\mathcal{C}$  and isomorphism mod  $\mathcal{C}$  are closed under composition.
2. Isomorphisms mod  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfy 2-out-of-3.

*Proof.*



**definition.** A Serre class  $\mathcal{C}$  is

- a **Serre ideal** if for all  $A, B$  abelian groups,  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  implies  $A \otimes B$  and  $\text{Tor}(A, B)$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and

- a *Serre ring* if for all  $A, B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $A \otimes B$  and  $\text{Tor}(A, B)$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

examples.

1. Finitely-generated groups are a Serre ring.
2. Torsion groups is a Serre ideal.  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes A = 0 \implies \mathbb{Q} \otimes A \otimes B = 0$  so

$$0 \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow 0$$

implies

$$0 \longrightarrow F_1 \otimes A \longrightarrow F_0 \otimes A \longrightarrow \text{Tor}(B, A) \longrightarrow 0$$

implies

$$0 \longrightarrow F_1 \otimes A \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow F_0 \otimes A \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow \text{Tor}(B, A) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow 0$$

so  $F_0 \otimes A \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\text{Tor}(B, A) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  are zero iff  $F_1 \otimes A \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is zero.

3. Finite groups is a Serre ring.
4. Intersection of Serre rings is Serre ring.
5.  $M \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is a Serre ideal.

**proposition 53.**  $F \rightarrow X \rightarrow B$  Serre fibration.  $\pi_0(B) = 0$ ,  $\pi_1(B) \curvearrowright H_A(F)$  trivial. Then if 2 out of 3 among  $F, X, B$  have  $H_n$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $n > 0$ , then the third one does too.

*Proof.* ( $X, B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .) Notice

$$E_{p,q}^2 = H_p(B, H_q(F)) \cong H_p(B) \otimes H_q(F) \oplus \text{Tor}(H_{p-1}(B), H_q(F))$$

which means that if  $E^3, E^4, \dots, E^\infty$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $H_*$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

( $F, B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .)

□



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